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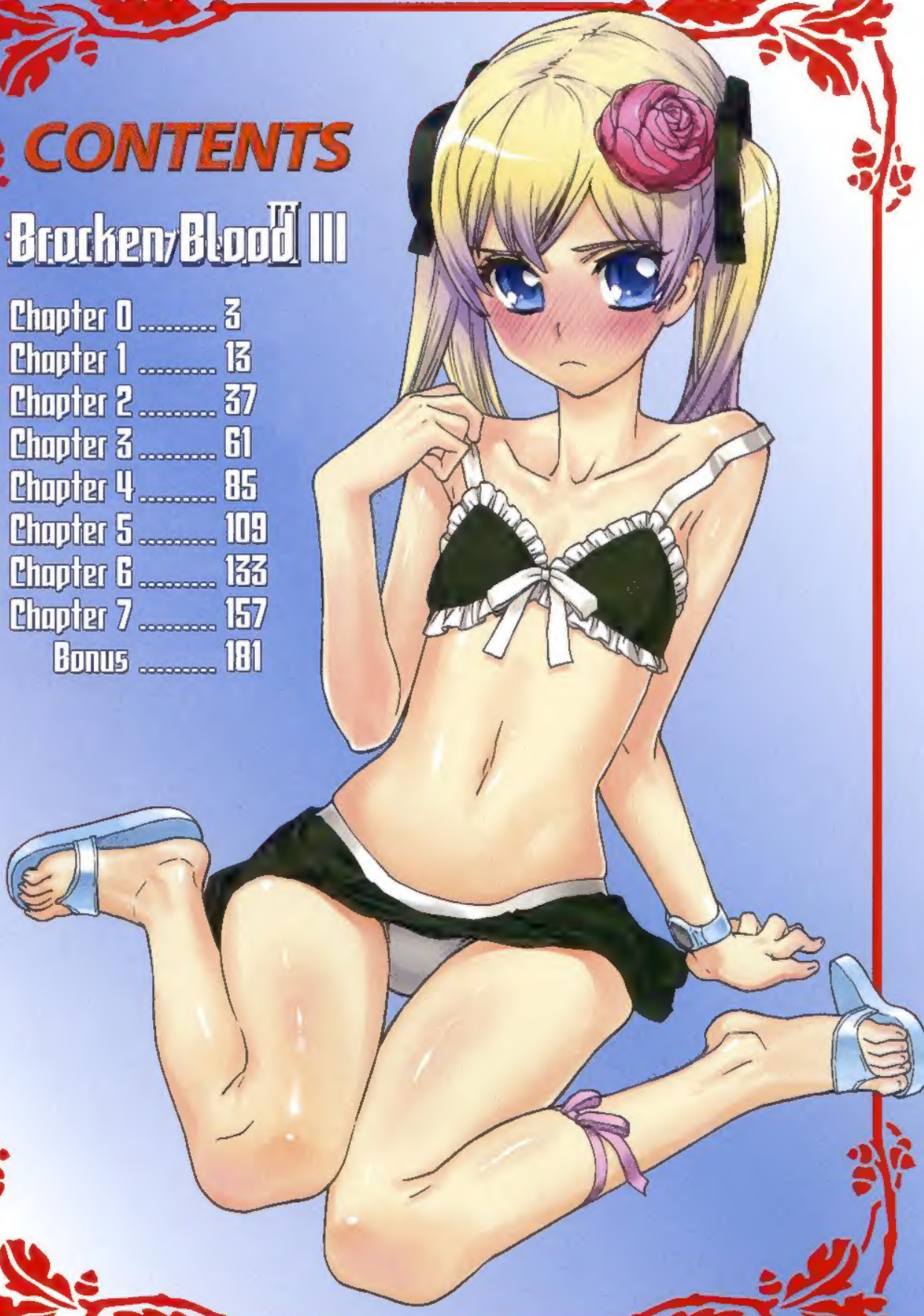

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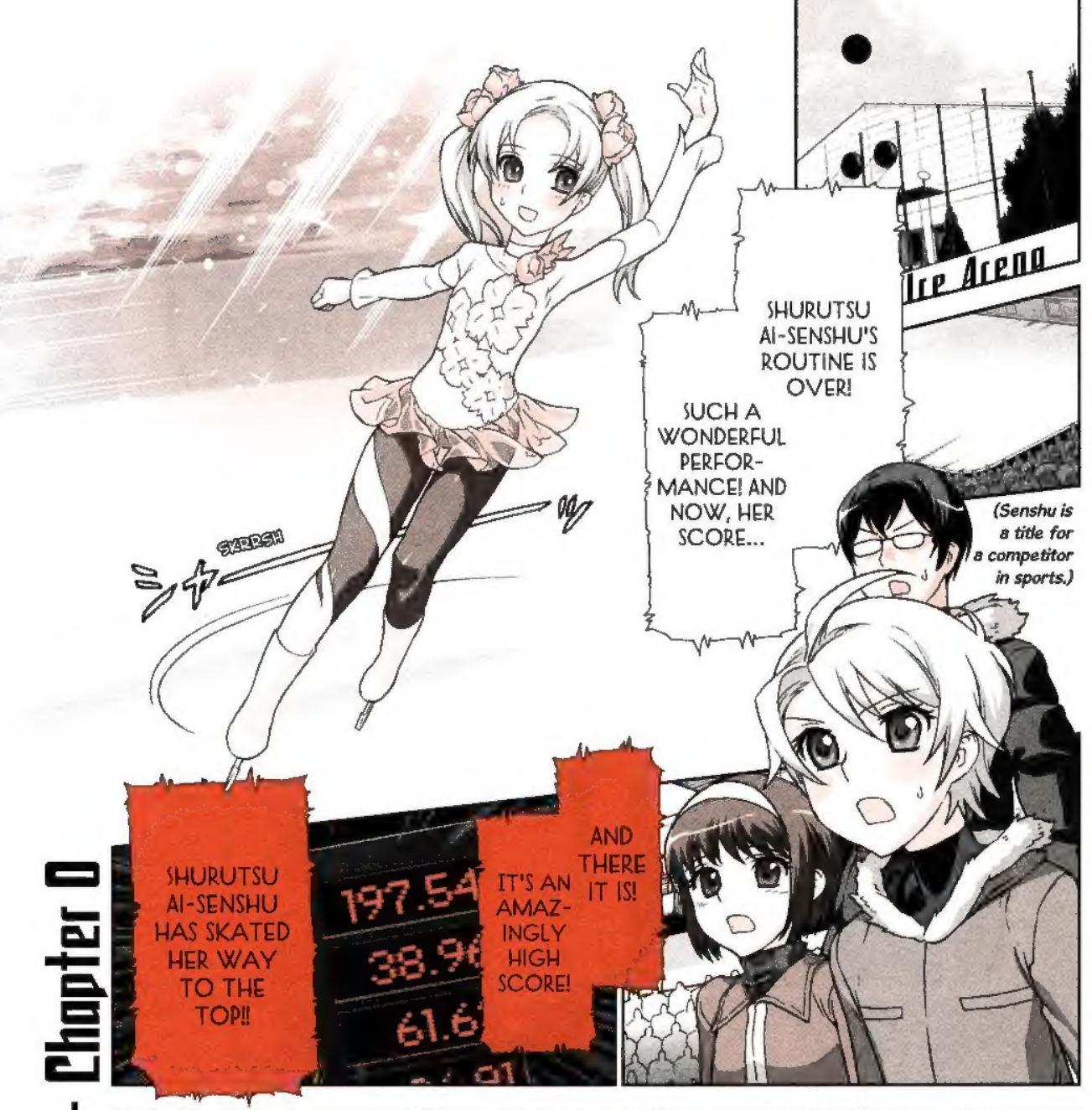
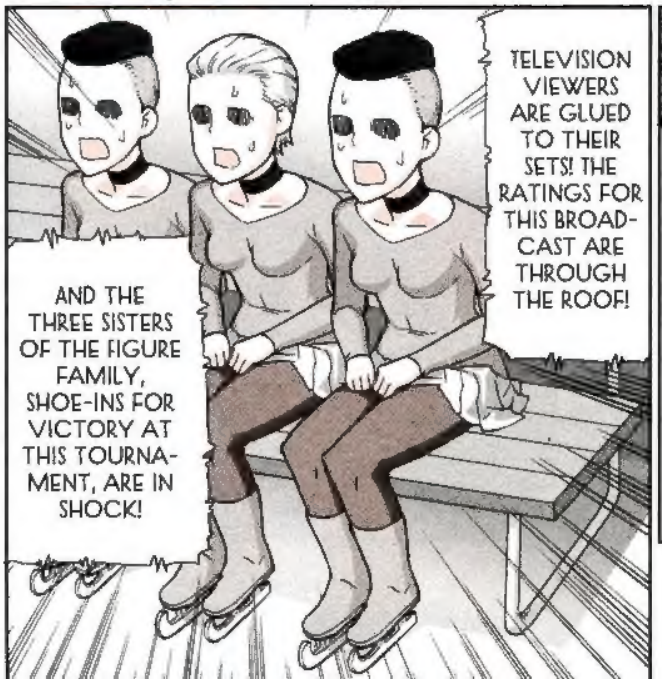

SHARP!
Ice Arena
SHURUTSU AI-SENSHU'S ROUTINE IS OVER!
SUCH A WONDERFUL PERFORMANCE! AND NOW, HER SCORE...
(Senshu is a title for a competitor in sports.)
SHURUTSU AI-SENSHU HAS SKATED HER WAY TO THE TOP!!
197.54
38.9
61.6
IT'S AN AMAZINGLY HIGH SCORE!
AND THERE IT IS!


AND THE THREE SISTERS OF THE FIGURE FAMILY, SHOE-INS FOR VICTORY AT THIS TOURNAMENT, ARE IN SHOCK!
TELEVISION VIEWERS ARE GLUED TO THEIR SETS! THE RATINGS FOR THIS BROADCAST ARE THROUGH THE ROOF!

By Shiono Etorouji

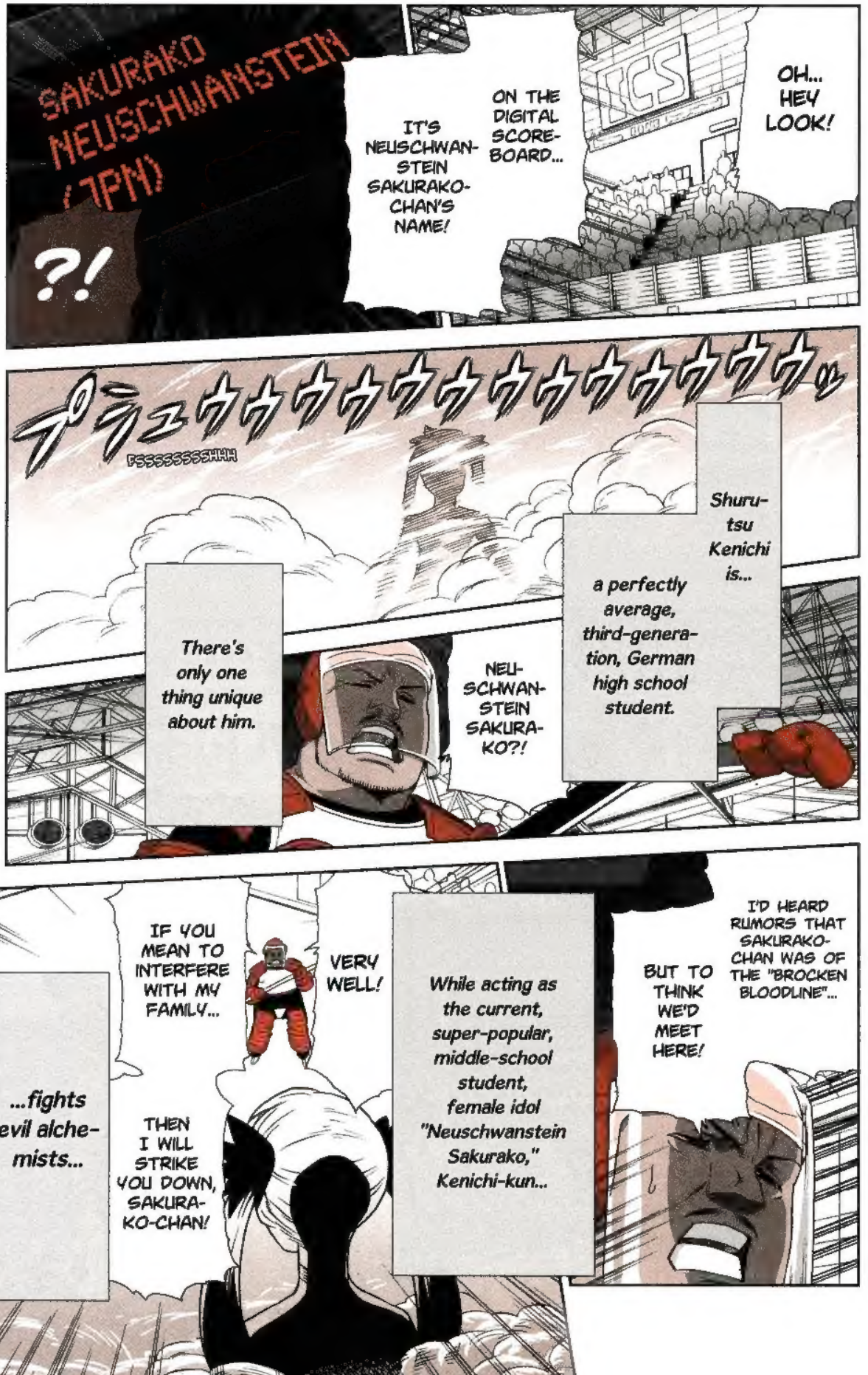
AT THIS RATE, YOU'LL WIN IT!
AI!
YOU WERE AMAZ-ING!
BIG BROTH-ER!
SO I THOUGHT WE'D BE WRAPPED UP IN SOME CASE AGAIN...
RENA-SAN WAS SO IN-SISTENT WE COME AND WATCH.
OH NO, KEN-CHAN.
AND I'D BE FORCED INTO SOME EMBAR-RASSING OUTFIT.
I'M SO GLAD... THE TOUR-NAMENT SHOULD END SAFELY NOW...
AI...
AFTER ALL YOUR HARD WORK GETTING READY FOR THIS TOUR-NAMENT...
WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON?!
BLAM
IT'S AN EXECU-TION!!
SINCE YOU DOUBT ME SO DEEPLY...

IT IS I, THE ICE-TOP EXECU-TIONER, SUB-ZERO!!
AND SO...
IN THIS TOURNA-MENT, I WILL EXE-CUTE !!
THE SCORING IS TOTALLY FLAWED !!
HEY!
WHO ARE YOU!
SUB-ZERO !!
IT IS I, THE ICE-TOP EXECU-TIONER...
SPIN
SPIN
SPIN
THIS IS THE OLD MAN'S ICE DANCE!!
STAFF
STAFF
UH... ARE YOU PERHAPS ...
THE FATHER OF THE THREE SISTERS?
KEN-CHAN, IT'S AN ENEMY!
THIS IS BAD!!
EEEEK !!
THE AUDIENCE MEMBERS WHO WERE HIT WITH THE STICK...
THEIR HAIR CHANGED INCOMPRE-HENSIBLY!!
THIS TOURNA-MENT IS CAN-CELLED!
AND I SAY...
POOF

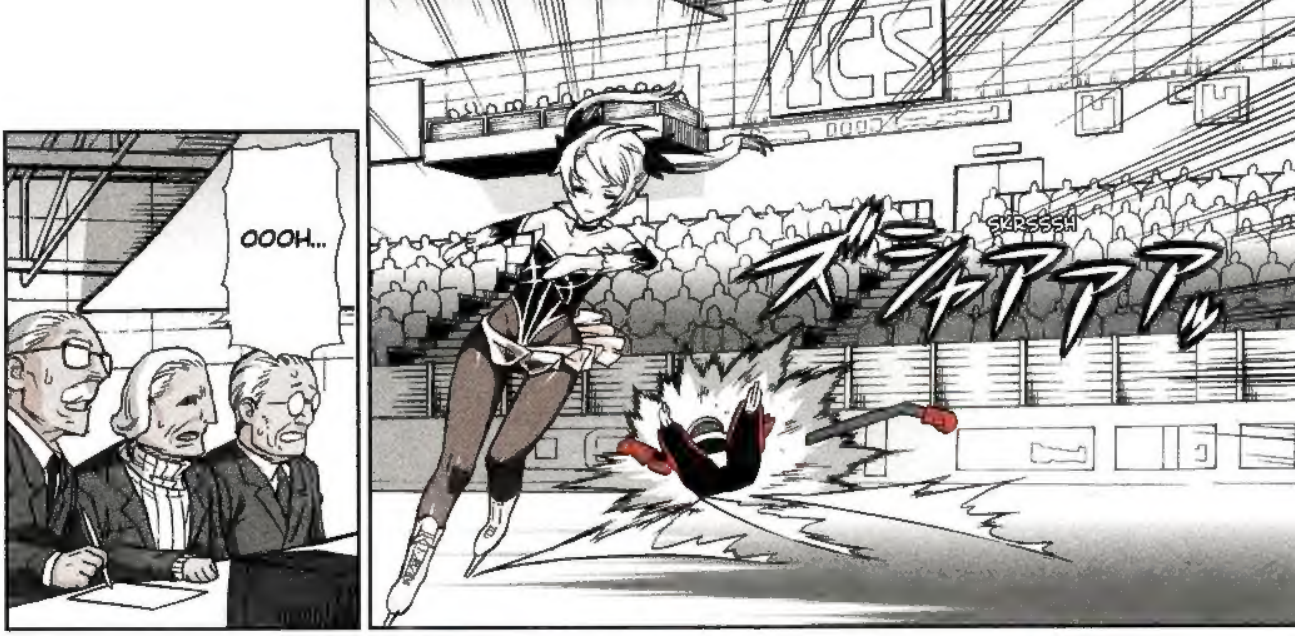
I JUST NOW REMEMBERED... THERE'S A CASE WHERE PROMINENT ATHLETES WHO WERE TO APPEAR IN THIS TOURNAMENT...
WITHDREW ONE AFTER ANOTHER BECAUSE SOMEONE CHANGED THEIR HAIRSTYLES INTO SOMETHING STRANGE!
IT SEEMS IT WAS ORCHESTRATED BEHIND THE SCENES TO ENSURE THE VICTORY OF THE THREE SISTERS!
...
THEN WHY DID THE SISTERS SHOW UP WITH THAT HAIRSTYLE, TOO?!

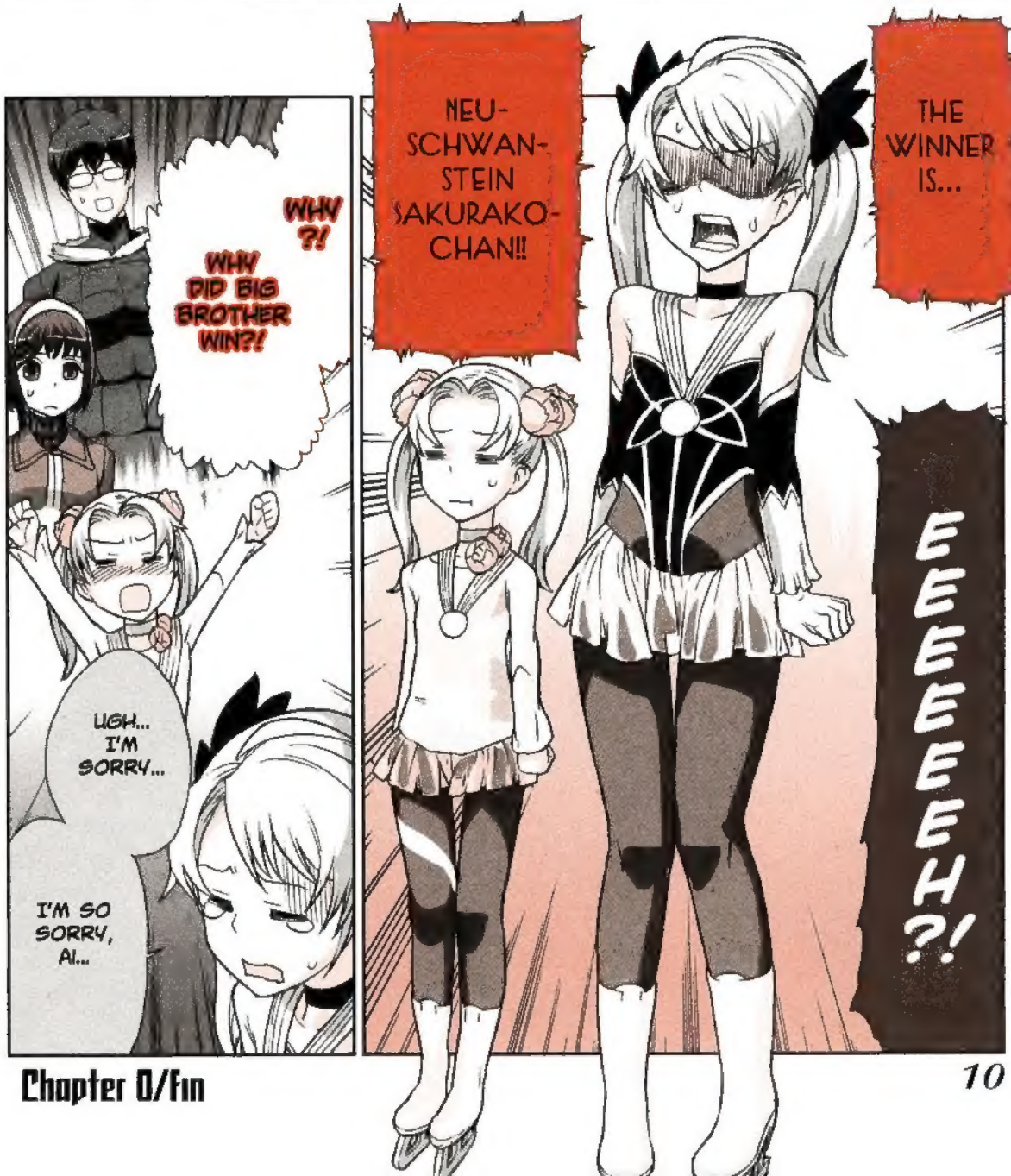
NOW, KEN-CHAN! FOR THE SAKE OF AI-CHAN'S VICTORY!
TRANSFORM NOW AND GET THAT BATTLE RA*NER...
DO IT WITH CHARM AND BEAUTY!!
UGH...

...A SONG?
...?
POOF
HA HA HA HA HA!!


SAKURAKO NEUSCHWANSTEIN (7PM)
?!
IT'S NEUSCHWANSTEIN SAKURAKO-CHAN'S NAME!
ON THE DIGITAL SCOREBOARD...
OH... HEY LOOK!
プシュウウウウウウウウウウ
FSSSSSSSHHH
There's only one thing unique about him.
NEUSCHWANSTEIN SAKURAKO?!
Shurutsu Kenichi is...
a perfectly average, third-generation, German high school student.
...fights evil alchemists...
IF YOU MEAN TO INTERFERE WITH MY FAMILY...
THEN I WILL STRIKE YOU DOWN, SAKURAKO-CHAN!
VERY WELL!
While acting as the current, super-popular, middle-school student, female idol "Neuschwanstein Sakurako," Kenichi-kun...
BUT TO THINK WE'D MEET HERE!
I'D HEARD RUMORS THAT SAKURAKO-CHAN WAS OF THE "BROCKEN BLOODLINE"...

BU-WAA AA!!
FOUR AND A HALF ROTATIONS ?!
F...
...AS A TRANS-FORMING MAGICAL GIRL HEROINE!


OOOH...
SKRSSSH
ズシャアアッ


THE WINNER IS...
NEU-SCHWAN-STEIN SAKURAKO-CHAN!!
EEEEEEH?!
WHY?!
WHY DID BIG BROTHER WIN?!
UGH... I'M SORRY...
I'M SO SORRY, AI...

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TWITCHTWITCH
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TWITCHTWITCH

Chapter 1

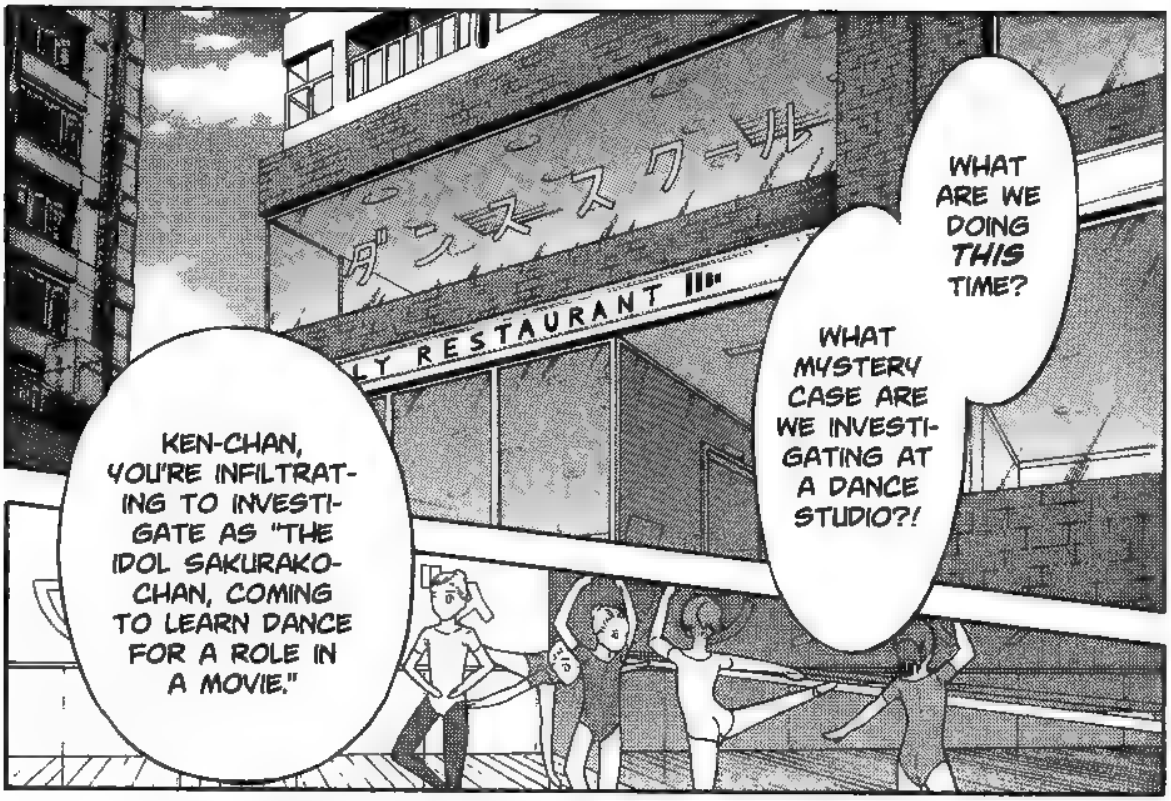
IT CAN'T BE...
YOU'RE A SPY ?!
THAT'S RIGHT. I AM A SPY.
NOW THAT MY TRUE IDENTITY'S BEEN REVEALED, SHOULDN'T WE GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER A LITTLE BETTER?

THE SKILLFUL SPY... INFILTRATING THE ENEMY'S BASE WHILE LOOKING DASHING IN A TUXEDO!
IT'S A MAN'S DREAM!
...SO COOL!

I'VE JUST NOW RECEIVED A REQUEST. THERE'S BEEN AN INCIDENT!
WHO SAID I DID?
NOOO OOOO !!
DRAG
DRAG
YOU WANT TO INFILTRATE TO DO AN INVESTIGATION?!
I'M INFILTRATING AND DOING INVESTIGATIONS, TOO, BUT BEING LIKE THAT COOL GUY...
SLAM

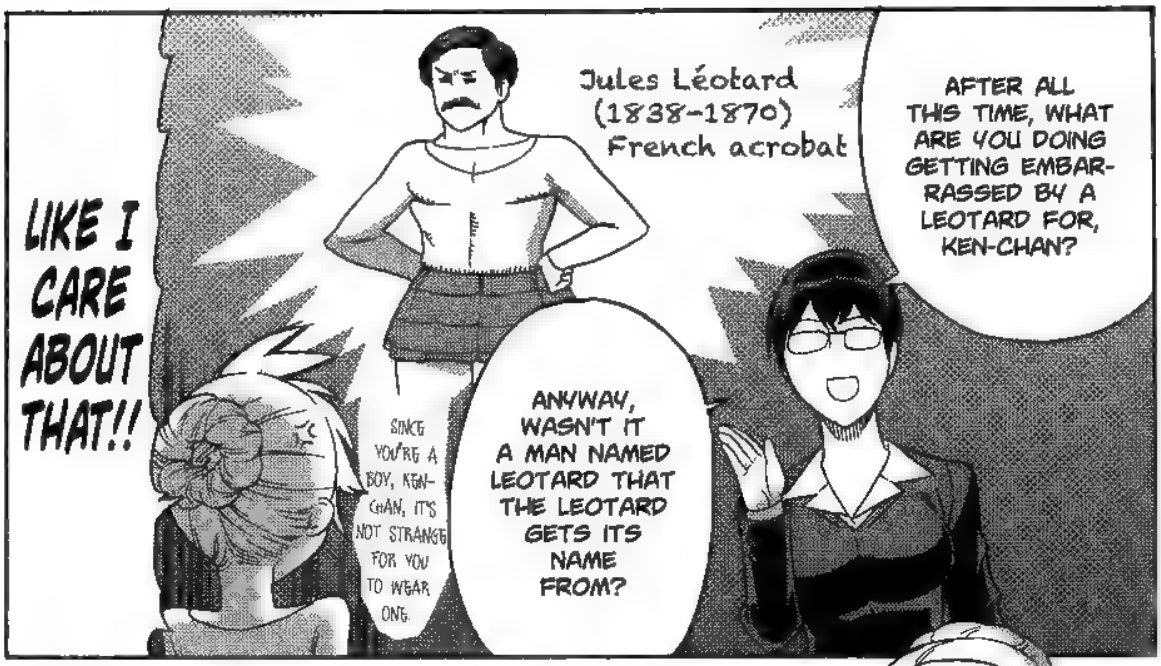
Chapter 1

OKAY.
UN, DEUX, TROIS.
YOUR MOVEMENT IS A LITTLE STIFF, SAKURAKO-CHAN!


ダンススクール
LY RESTAURANT
KEN-CHAN, YOU'RE INFILTRATING TO INVESTIGATE AS "THE IDOL SAKURAKO-CHAN, COMING TO LEARN DANCE FOR A ROLE IN A MOVIE."
WHAT MYSTERY CASE ARE WE INVESTIGATING AT A DANCE STUDIO?!
WHAT ARE WE DOING THIS TIME?

IT WAS A TUX !!
WHAT I WANTED TO WEAR WASN'T A LEOTARD !!
OH, COME NOW! ARE YOU LISTENING, KEN-CHAN ?!
AND SO...

NOT EVEN CLOSE!
WAS THAT A JOKE?!
(In Japanese, tuxedo and leotard share the same number of syllables and final syllable.)
OH, A LEOTARD AND A TUXEDO ARE PRETTY SIMILAR, DON'T YOU THINK?


Jules Léotard
(1838-1870)
French acrobat
AFTER ALL THIS TIME, WHAT ARE YOU DOING GETTING EMBARRASSED BY A LEOTARD FOR, KEN-CHAN?
ANYWAY, WASN'T IT A MAN NAMED LEOTARD THAT THE LEOTARD GETS ITS NAME FROM?
SINCE YOU'RE A BOY, KEN-CHAN, IT'S NOT STRANGE FOR YOU TO WEAR ONE.
LIKE I CARE ABOUT THAT!!

IF I TAKE A POSE WITH MY LEGS WIDE APART WHILE I'M DRESSED LIKE THIS ...
THEY'LL SEE IT!
THEY WILL DEFINITELY SEE IT!
YOU SHOULDN'T WORRY SO MUCH.
YOU'VE BEEN FINE UP UNTIL NOW, RIGHT?
BUT WITH "THE IDOL SAKURAKO COMING"...
THE BALLET INSTRUCTOR AND GIRLS ARE ALWAYS LOOKING AT ME...
OH, NOW WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, KEN-CHAN?
IT'S MORE THE BEAUTIFUL SALARY-MEN OF THIS SOCIAL DANCE STUDIO WHO HAVE THEIR GAZES NAILED TO YOU.
CUT IT OUT!!

SIGN: Dance
THIS DANCE STUDIO HAS A CLASS FOR A DIET TO COUNTER METABOLIC SYNDROME.
BUSINESS-MEN AND PERFORMERS HAVE TAKEN IT, BUT...
THE BUSINESSMEN AND MUSICIANS WHO WERE SUPPOSED TO GET SLIM...
...WERE FORCED BY SOMEONE TO WEAR A STRANGE LEOTARD AND LATER DISCOVERED TO HAVE BECOME AS FAT AS CAN BE!

AND ON TOP OF THAT, THEY WERE ALL HANDSOME MEN...
AH! SUCH A WASTE !!
...

THAT LEOTARD IS CAUSING THOSE WHO WEAR IT TO BECOME UNABLE TO SUPPRESS THEIR APPE-TITES!
USING THE BROCKEN BLOODLINE'S POWER TO CREATE SOMETHING LIKE THAT ...
SENDING GREAT-LOOKING GUYS ON A METABOLIC REBOUND ...
I'LL NEVER FORGNE IT!!
UGH... I WANNA GO HOME ...
RUMBLERUMB

I DON'T HAVE AN OUNCE OF MOTI-VATION FOR DOING THIS!!
AND FIND A WAY TO GATHER A TON OF HANDSOME MEN TO THIS ROOM, TOO!
TO PROTECT THE BEAUTI-FUL MEN...
YOU MUST DISCOVER THE CULPRIT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, KEN-CHAN!

DON'T BE SO EMBARRASSED AND LIFT YOUR LEG, SAKURAKO-CHAN!
!
STRETCH YOUR ARMS OUT GRANDLY THERE!
LIN, DEUX, TROIS.
LIN, DEUX, TROIS.

SINCE YOUR BODY IS SO NATURALLY FLEXIBLE ...
COME, NOW.
LIKE THIS!
STRETCH
GYAAAAH!
THEY'LL SEE! THEY'LL SEE! THEY'LL SEE! THEY'LL SEE! THEY'LL SEE!

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DRIBBLE
DRIBBLE
DRIBBLE
ASUKA-CHAN IS...
ASUKA-CHAN IS...
COVER-ED IN BLOOD !!
URK!
SE... SEN-SEI!!
!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

CATCH
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WOBBLE
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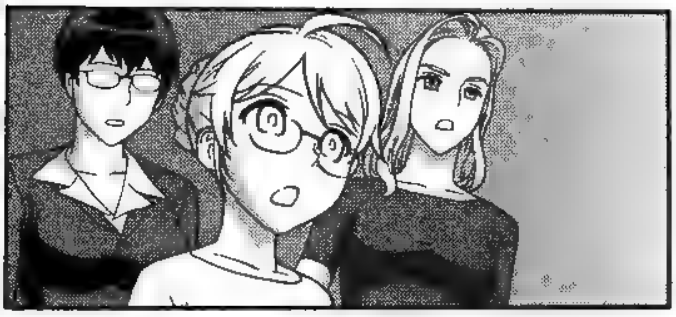
!!
OH NO...!

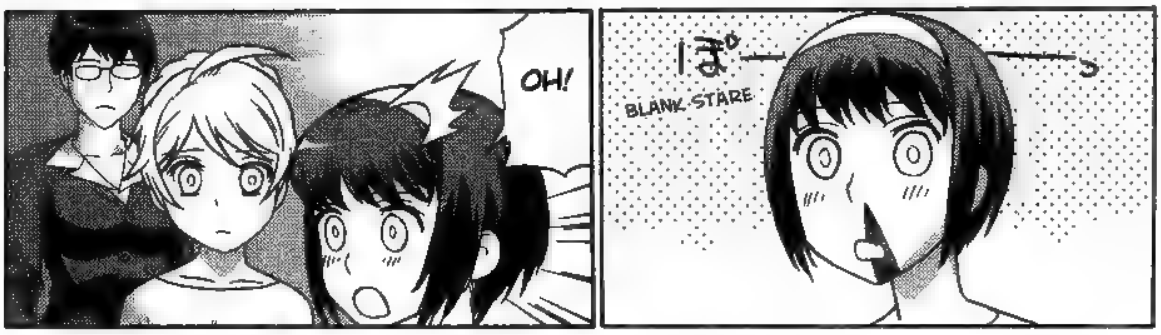


SUGIYAMA-SAN IS A BUSINESSMAN WHO ATTENDS SOCIAL DANCE CLASSES HERE AT THE SCHOOL.
SENSEI... THAT PERSON JUST NOW...?
HO HO. HE'S QUITE COOL, DON'T YOU THINK?

!

TH...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

HE IS SO MY TYPE!
PING!
AND HANDSOME MAN SENSOR
BROKEN BLOODLINE SENSOR
THAT'S NOT WHAT I WAS ASK-ING!!
RENA-SAN...
THAT MAN...
YES...

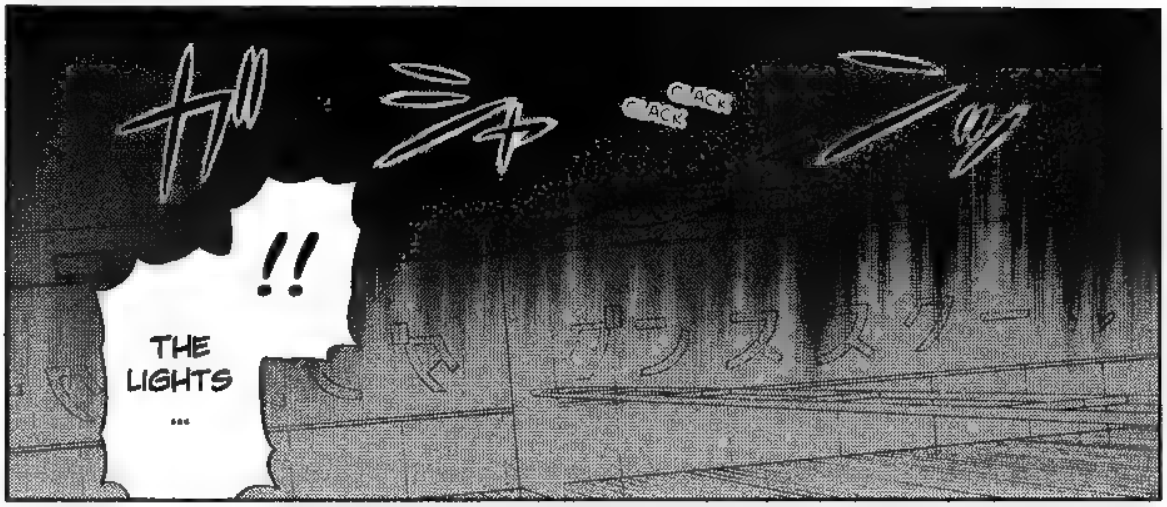

OH!
BLANK STARE

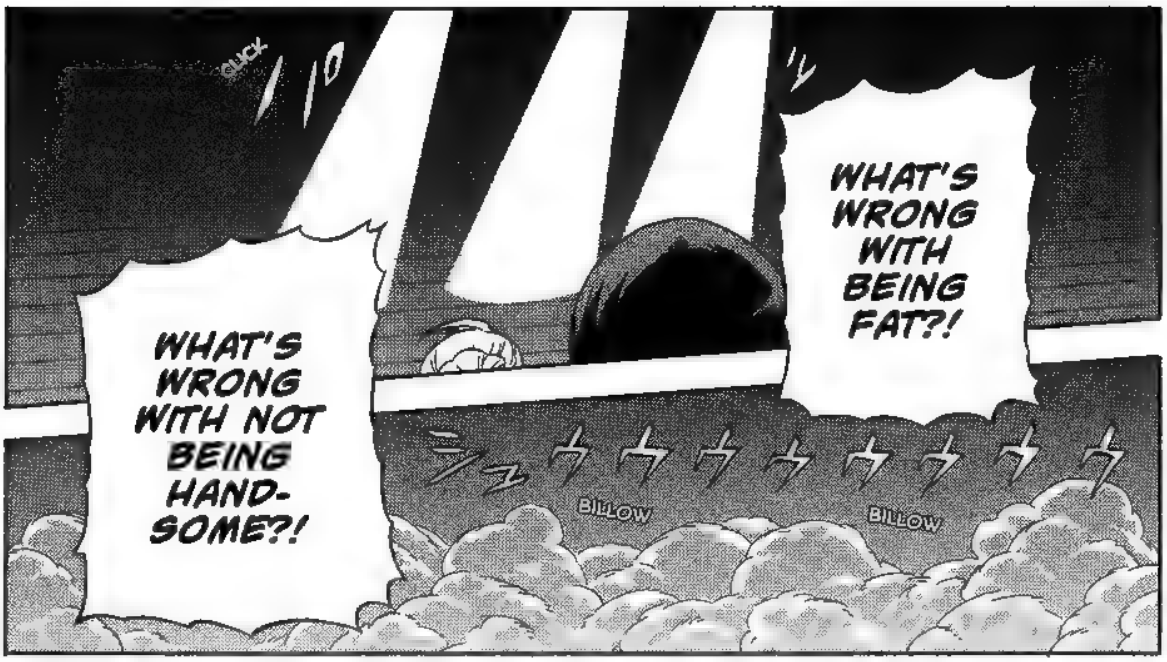
I...
I ONLY ...
I ONLY GET NOSE-BLEEDS FOR KENICHI-SAN!
I DON'T GET IT BUT...
IS THAT PRAISE?
?
IT ...
IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK. I WAS JUST SPACING OUT A LITTLE NOW...
DON'T MISINTER-PRET IT PLEASE!

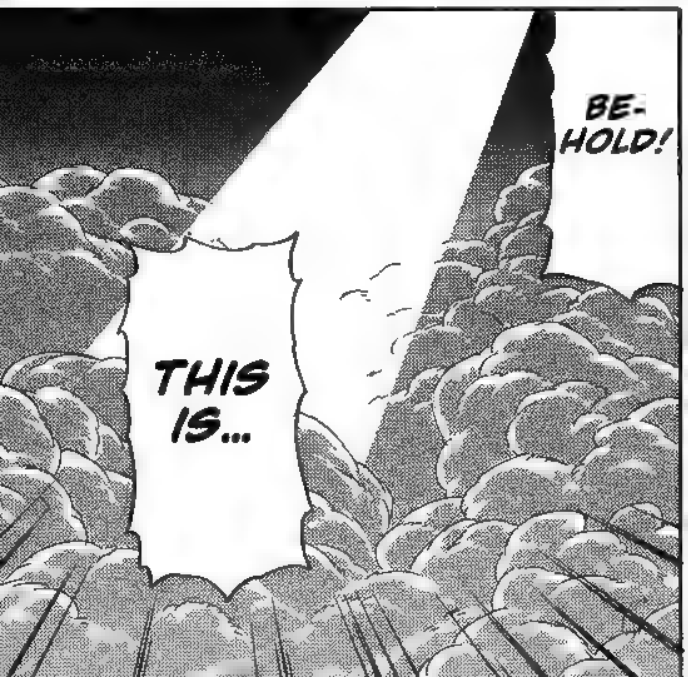
SHAKE
ぶん
SHAKE
ぶん
OH NO! THAT COULDN'T BE!
RENA-SAN, I WONDER IF THAT PERSON JUST NOW WAS THE CULPRIT...
BY THE WAY, DON'T YOU WANT A LITTLE BROTHER OR SISTER, ASUKA?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
I JUST FELT SOMETHING ...
IS SUGIYAMA-SAN FROM THE BROCKEN BLOODLINE...?
?!
KYAAA!
O... OKAY!
ASUKA! KEEP AN EYE ON SUGIYAMA-SAN!
RENA-SAN'S NO USE NOW!
HE WENT TO THE LOCKER ROOM...
SPEAKING OF... WHERE IS HE?
ずももももももも、
BILLOW
BILLOW

THE SOCIAL DANCE CLASS BUSINESSMEN WHO WERE ON THE WAY TO THE LOCKER ROOM...
THEY'RE WEARING STRANGE LEOTARDS AND EATING JUNK FOOD!!
DUM DUM DAAAAAA

!!!
NOW THE MALE STUDENTS OF THIS STUDIO HAVE ALL BECOME LIKE US!!
?!
HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?!
HA HA HA HA HA HA!
NO !!
SO SUGIYAMA-SAN IS THE CULPRIT...


CLACK
CLACK
!!
THE LIGHTS ...

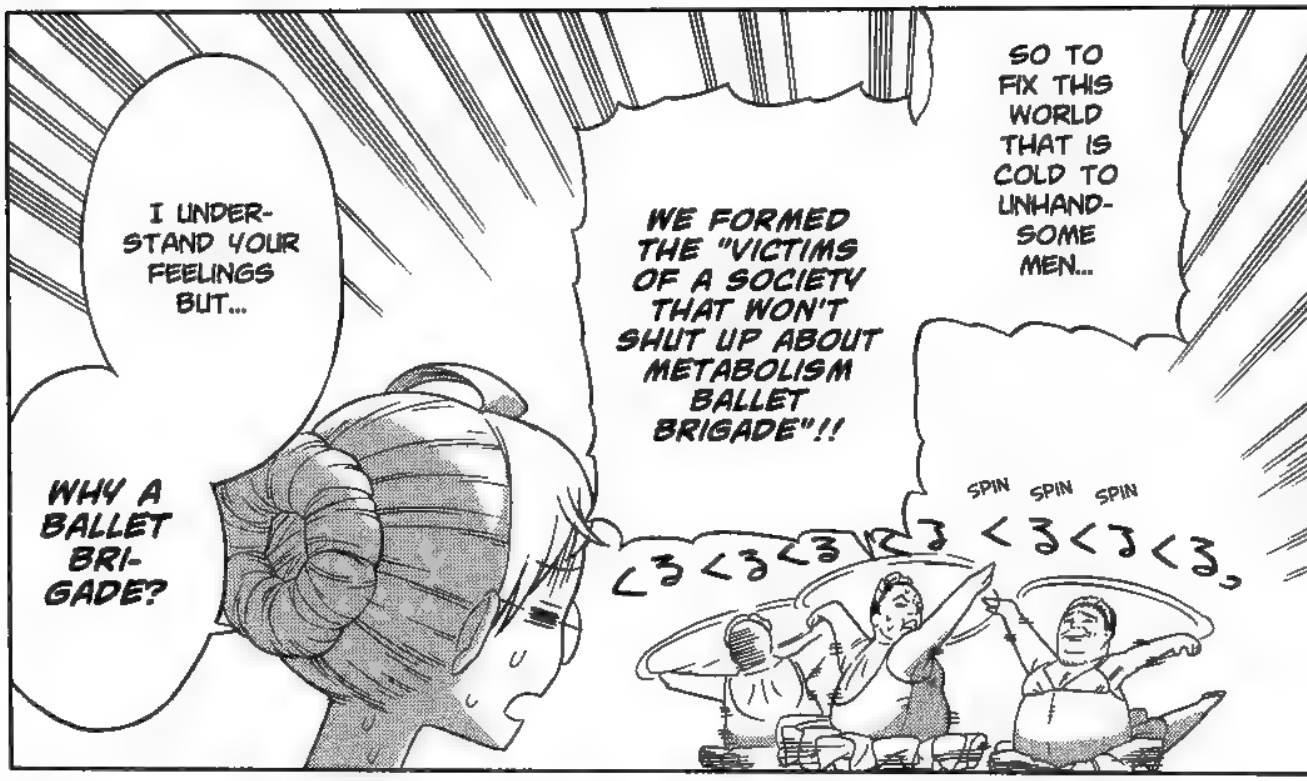

CLICK
WHAT'S WRONG WITH BEING FAT?!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH NOT BEING HAND-SOME?!
BILLOW
BILLOW

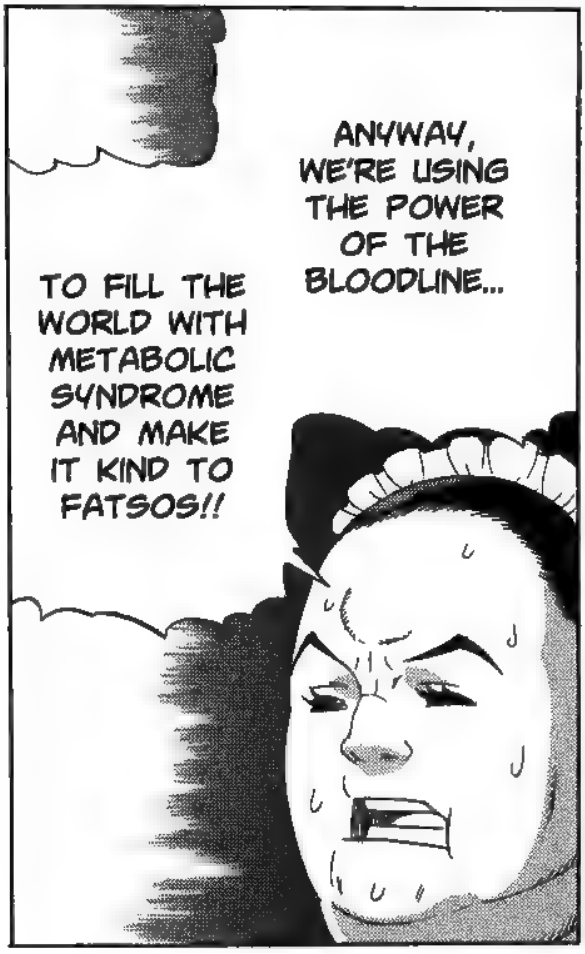

BE-HOLD!
THIS IS...

CHACHARARARA
...IT'S "SWAN LAKE"?
?!
THIS SONG...

THIS IS OUR...
DANCE OF RE-VENGE !!
...
WHO ARE THEY ...?!

TAPPA TAPPA TAPPA
WOULD YOU HAPPEN TO BE PEOPLE WHO WERE REFUSED ADMISSION TO A DIET CLASS EARLIER...?
NONE OTHER !!
!
YOU'RE ...
...WE APPLIED TO THIS STUDIO AFTER HAVING FINALLY BECOMING OPTIMISTIC ENOUGH TO TRY...
THINKING WE OUGHT TO HAVE HEALTHIER BODIES...
THE REST OF THE FATSOS WERE TURNED AWAY BECAUSE SHE SAID "THE CLASS IS FULL"!!
AND THEN THE INSTRUCTOR PICKED ONLY "THOSE WHO LOOK LIKE THEY'D BE HANDSOME IF THEY LOST WEIGHT" FROM THE APPLICANTS ...
WOW, HOW BLUNT!
...


I UNDER-STAND YOUR FEELINGS BUT...
WHY A BALLET BRI-GADE?
WE FORMED THE "VICTIMS OF A SOCIETY THAT WON'T SHUT UP ABOUT METABOLISM BALLET BRIGADE"!!
SO TO FIX THIS WORLD THAT IS COLD TO UNHAND-SOME MEN...
SPIN SPIN SPIN


ANYWAY, WE'RE USING THE POWER OF THE BLOODLINE...
TO FILL THE WORLD WITH METABOLIC SYNDROME AND MAKE IT KIND TO FATSOS!!

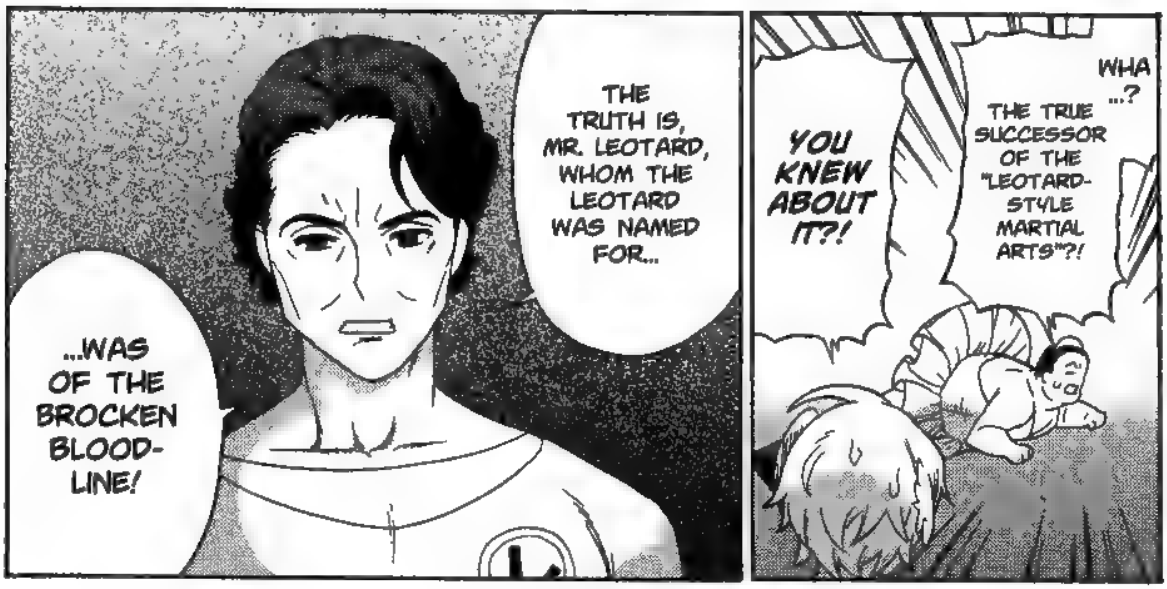
IF THERE'S A BALLET BRIGADE WITH ONLY OLDER MEN SUFFERING FROM METABOLIC SYNDROME, WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?!
THERE ARE BALLET GROUPS WITH ONLY MALE MEM-BERS!
IT'S HARD ON THE EYES!
AND YOU'RE IN ROTTEN SHAPE.
HFF HFF
WOBBLE

SENSEI!! HAVE THE GIRLS TAKE SHELTER!
OKAY !!
BOOM
SPIN SPIN SPIN
KYAAAA!!
BUT FIRST, WE WILL DESTROY THIS STUDIO!!
EAT THIS!! JETSTREAM METABOLIC GYRO SWAN ATTACK!!
YEAH !!
KEN-CHAN! ASUKA!
TRANS-FORM!
Umgestaltung!!

BOIIING
!!!
HA HA HA HA HA HA!
IT'S LIGHT, SO LIGHT!!
THE FAT REPELLED MY ATTACK !!
I WAS NOT EXPECTING THAT...
YOU SHOULD WEAR THIS METABOLIC LEOTARD AND PLUMP UP...
WE PROUDLY THINK "NEUSCHWANSTEIN SAKURAKO-CHAN WOULD BE MUCH CUTER IF SHE HAD A LITTLE MORE WEIGHT ON HER"!
YEEEEEEEK!!

FATSO !!
THWACK
...
YOU !!
THAT WAS A DANGEROUS...
SUGIYAMA-SAN... JUST WHO ARE YOU..?
SUCH AN IMPREGNABLE FORTRESS OF BLUBBER THAT TURNED AWAY ANY ATTACK...
HEH HEH... THAT'S RIGHT.
"SUGIYAMA-SAN THE BUSINESSMAN ATTENDING THE SOCIAL DANCE CLASS" IS JUST A COVER...

I AM THE TRUE SUCCESSOR OF LEOTARD-STYLE MARTIAL ARTS...
GAIA SUGI-YAMA !!
TAA-DAA


THE TRUTH IS, MR. LEOTARD, WHOM THE LEOTARD WAS NAMED FOR...
...WAS OF THE BROCKEN BLOOD-LINE!
YOU KNEW ABOUT IT?!
WHA ...?
THE TRUE SUCCESSOR OF THE "LEOTARD-STYLE MARTIAL ARTS"?!

WHAT THE HELL ?!
THAT WAS THE BEGINNING OF LEOTARD-STYLE MARTIAL ARTS!!
MADE A SPECIAL LEOTARD USING THE BLOODLINE'S ALCHEMY TO PULL OUT A PERSON'S POTENTIAL PHYSICAL ABILITY.
AND THEN MR. LEOTARD...

THERE'S A WORLD TOURNA-MENT?!
...WE WOULD MEET GAIA SUGIYAMA—THE FULL-CONTACT, LEOTARD-STYLE MARTIAL ARTS WORLD TOURNAMENT CHAMPION!
OH... TO THINK, IN A PLACE LIKE THIS...

...I INFIL-TRATED THIS PLACE AS A STUDENT.
HEARING THERE WAS SOMEONE ABUSING "THE BLOODLINE'S POWER" AND "LEOTARDS"...

SNAP
ZUO
ACCEPT THIS PLEASE!
MY FAMILY'S POWER!
EH?

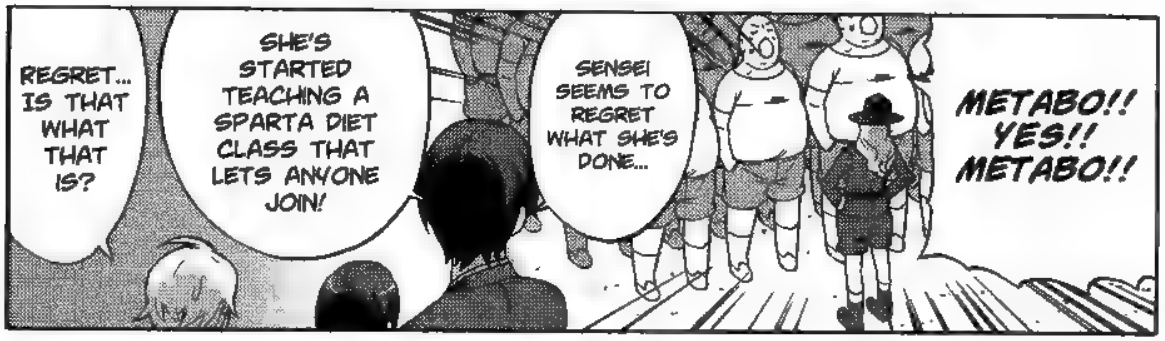
SINCE YOU'RE HERE, I'LL ENTRUST THE FINISHING BLOW TO YOU, SAKURAKO-CHAN!

LET'S GO, GAIA SUGI-YAMA !!
BUT WE MUST NOT LOSE, NOT LIKE THIS!!

SHINE
?!
WH...
WHA...

IF IT IS YOU...
THAT IS THE STRONGEST LEOTARD, WHICH TOO FEW IN MY FAMILY COULD USE.
SIGN: School
BLAM
CLINK CLINK
WHAT THE HELL?!
DON'T CRY, EVERY-ONE...
I WAS ALSO WRONG...
!
UGH...
DAMN IT...
DAMN IT ALL ...
The hopes of the fatsos to abuse the bloodline's power were erased.
In the end...
CRINKLE
WON-DER-FUL...
WHAT FIGHTING SPIRIT!!

The next day
YOU DAMNED METABOLIC WORMS WITHOUT ANY GUTS TO LOSE WEIGHT!!
ANYTHING YOU SPIT OUT OF YOUR DAMNED MOUTHS WILL HAVE "METABO" ON BOTH ENDS!!
DO YOU HEAR ME?!


METABO!! YES!! METABO!!
SENSEI SEEMS TO REGRET WHAT SHE'S DONE...
SHE'S STARTED TEACHING A SPARTA DIET CLASS THAT LETS ANYONE JOIN!
REGRET... IS THAT WHAT THAT IS?

BEING VERBALLY ABUSED INTO LOSING WEIGHT BY A PRETTY WOMAN APPEARS TO BE QUITE WELL RECEIVED.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?
ME-TA-ME-TAME-TAME-TAME-TABO-!!
ME-TA-ME-TAME-TAME-TAME-TABO-!!
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
YOU'VE GOT A MESSAGE FROM GAIA SUGIYAMA-SAN. HE WANTS YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEXT WORLD TOURNAMENT...
I WON'T GO!!

Chapter 1/Fin

Blue sky!
White Clouds!
Chapter 2
THAT POSE IS GOOD, SAKURAKO-CHAN!
GIVE ME A LITTLE GENTLER EXPRESSION PLEASE!
...

Chapter 2
COLD!
COLD!
COLD!
COLD!
COLD!
Northern lands!
Ice floes!!

AAA-CHOO !!
UUUUGH ...
A...
ARE YOU ALRIGHT, KENICHI-SAN?
SHIVERSHIVER
SHIVERSHIVER
WHAT IS THIS?! WHY DO THEY HAVE ME IN A SWIMSUIT IN THE MIDDLE OF WINTER...?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, KEN-CHAN?
SNIFF
DON'T YOU KNOW SWIMSUIT PHOTO SHOOTS IN WINTER ARE ACTUALLY NOT THAT RARE?
BUT WHY IS IT THE MIDDLE OF WINTER IN HOKKAIDO?!
AT LEAST DO IT IN HAWAII OR OKINAWA...
DON'T COM-PLAIN SO MUCH!
SAKURAKO-CHAN'S SCHEDULE IS QUITE STRICT!
WE DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO GO SO FAR AWAY!
ALL RIGHT! LET'S CONTINUE SHOOT-ING!
UGH... I WANT TO GO BACK SOUTH ...

GOOD MOR-
ガラッ
RATTLE
I'VE FINALLY GOTTEN BACK TO SCHOOL...
...

DEPRESSION
どよよよよよよん
UH ?!

UM... WHAT HAP-PENED?
DON'T YOU KNOW, SHURITSU-KUN?
IT'S BEEN THE TOPIC OF CONVERSATION. THEY'VE COVERED IT ON MORNING TELEVISION AND EVERY-THING.
THE BOYS SURE ARE DOWN.
WELL OF COURSE.
I'M A LITTLE SHOCKED, TOO...

WHAAAAT?!
WHY, SAKU-RAKO-CHAN?! WHY?!
IT'S ABOUT NEUSCHWAN-STEIN SAKURAKO-CHAN.
THERE'S BEEN A SCOOP THAT SAYS SHE'S SUSPECTED OF HAVING AN OVERNIGHT DATE.
AND SHE'S ALSO SUSPECTED OF SMOKING, AND THEN THERE'S A MARRIAGE COUNTDOWN SUSPICION AFTER THAT...

NEW NEUSCHWANSTEI RUMOR!!
DID SHE COMMIT A HIT AND RUN AGAINST AN OLD LADY WHILE ON A BICYCLE?
...
SAKURAKO GETTING MARRIED?
Smoking suspicion?!

WHAT'S THIS "SUSPICION OF A STOCKPILE OF CORRUGATED CARDBOARD"?
THERE ARE ALL THESE RUMORS... WHEN IT RAINS IT REALLY POURS.
DON'T SAY IT LIKE IT'S ABOUT A COMPLETE STRANGER, KEN-CHAN!
NEUSCHE SAYS
WELL... IN A MANNER OF SPEAK-ING, IT IS ABOUT A COMPLETE STRANGER.
WHOA!
WHY IS ALL OF THIS...?
WHY ...?
DEPRESSED
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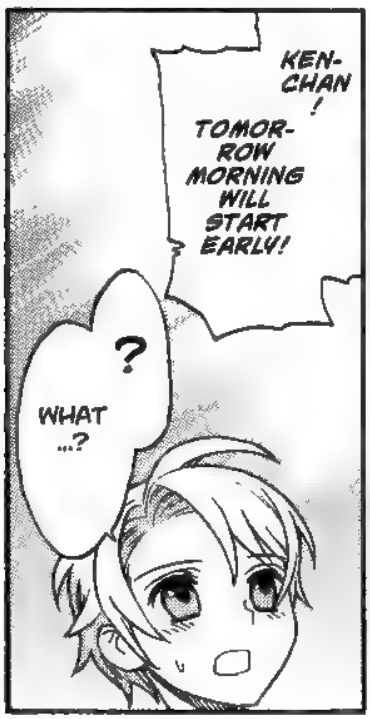
THERE'S NO WAY I WOULD!!
SAKU-RAKO-CHAN?
DO YOU REMEMBER ANYTHING FROM IN THESE ARTICLES?
D...
DON'T CRY, ASUKA...
I'M SO SORRY FOR YOU, KENICHI-SAN!
ALL OF THIS IS...
IT'S SO CRUEL, HEARING SUCH THINGS!
REMBLE TREMBLE

KENICHI-SAN ISN'T THAT KIND OF SLOVENLY PERSON!
OVERNIGHT DATES AND MARRIAGE, TOO?!
THERE'S NO WAY IT CAN BE!
THAT'S NOT THE TYPE OF "THERE'S NO WAY IT CAN BE" THIS IS ABOUT, ASUKA!!
WHAT IN THE WORLD DO YOU THINK I AM?!

I WAS THINKING SOMETHING LIKE THIS MIGHT HAPPEN SOMEDAY...
THIS IS...
...A CONSPIRACY BY SOMEONE WHO DOES NOT THINK WELL OF SAKURAKO-CHAN'S POPULARITY!


KEN-CHAN!
TOMOR-ROW MORNING WILL START EARLY!
WHAT ...?
?

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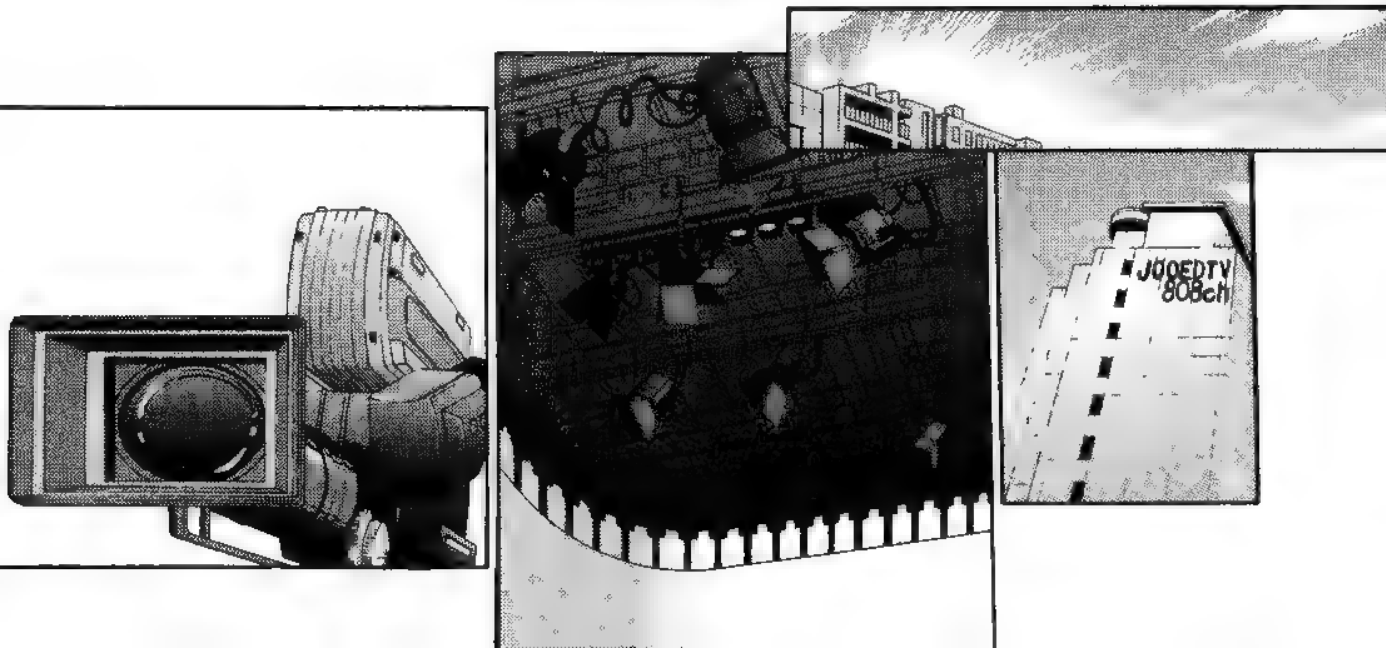
RUMBLE
AT THIS RATE...
NEUSCHWAN-STEIN SAKURA-KO'S LIFE AS A CELEBRITY IS IN DANGER!
IF IT ENDED, I COULD LIVE WITHOUT CROSS-DRESSING AS AN IDOL ANYMORE. I THINK THAT'D BE GOOD...

THE MASS MEDIA COMPANIES MUST BE LAUNCHING THESE RUMORS AS NEGATIVE PUBLICITY.
THERE IS A PARTICULAR MORNING VARIETY SHOW THAT CONTINUES TO TAKE A FAVORABLE STANCE TOWARD SAKURAKO-CHAN.

IN THE MORNING, WE'LL BE GOING AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW ON THAT PROGRAM!
WE'LL CLEAR UP THESE SUSPICIONS WITH ALL OUR MIGHT!!
...I WANT TO SLEEP IN...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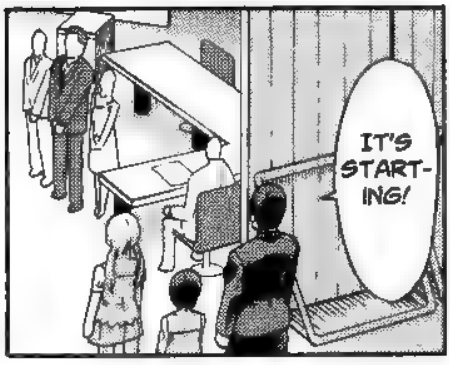
THAT'S HAPPINES
Kakura Tomozou
GOOD MORNING!

LET'S HEAR ALL ABOUT IT.
THERE'S A LOT BEING SAID, SO I WONDER WHAT THE TRUTH OF IT IS?
HALFWAY INTO OUR PROGRAM, WE'LL HAVE A LIVE APPEARANCE BY THE VERY PERSON AT THE CENTER OF DISCUSSION TODAY.


IT'S STARTING!

AND IT'S BECAUSE OF THAT CASE THAT WE BOOKED WITH THIS SHOW!
SUDDENLY, OUT OF NOWHERE, A STRONG WIND WILL BLOW AT THE SHOW HOST'S HAIRLINE.
UWAAH, I'LL WATCH OUT!!
WIND DIRECTION
ビュオオオオオ
FWOOSH
WIND DIRECTION
IN REALITY, I'M BEGINNING TO THINK THERE'S A MEMBER OF THE BROCKEN BLOODLINE CONNECTED TO THIS PROGRAM...

...HAS PREDICTED THIS APPEARANCE AND IS TRYING TO STOP THE PROGRAM.
IT MAY BE THE CULPRIT BEHIND THESE TRICKS TO LOWER SAKURAKO-CHAN'S IMAGE...
BY THE WAY, SHOW HOST KAKURA-SAN, DESPITE NORMALLY BEING RATHER RIGID, IS BEGINNING TO BE SEEN AS FAIRLY FADDISH BECAUSE...
HE'S A BIG FAN OF SAKURAKO-CHAN!
WE NEED TO RECOVER SAKURAKO-CHAN'S IMAGE AT ALL COSTS!!
ESSENTIALLY, WE'LL SACRIFICE ANYTHING FOR OUR MAIN OBJECTIVE!
BUT THIS TIME, WHATEVER HAPPENS WITH THE CASE IS ALL RIGHT!
?!
ANYWAY, LET'S GET READY...
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
ガタガタガタガタ
THEY'RE SAYING HE MADE AN OFFER IN EXTREME SECRECY AT THAT PHOTO SHOOT EARLIER.
HE HAPPILY WENT ALONG WITH MY PROPOSAL.
WHEN WERE THOSE TAKEN ?!
?
HUGE FANS ...?

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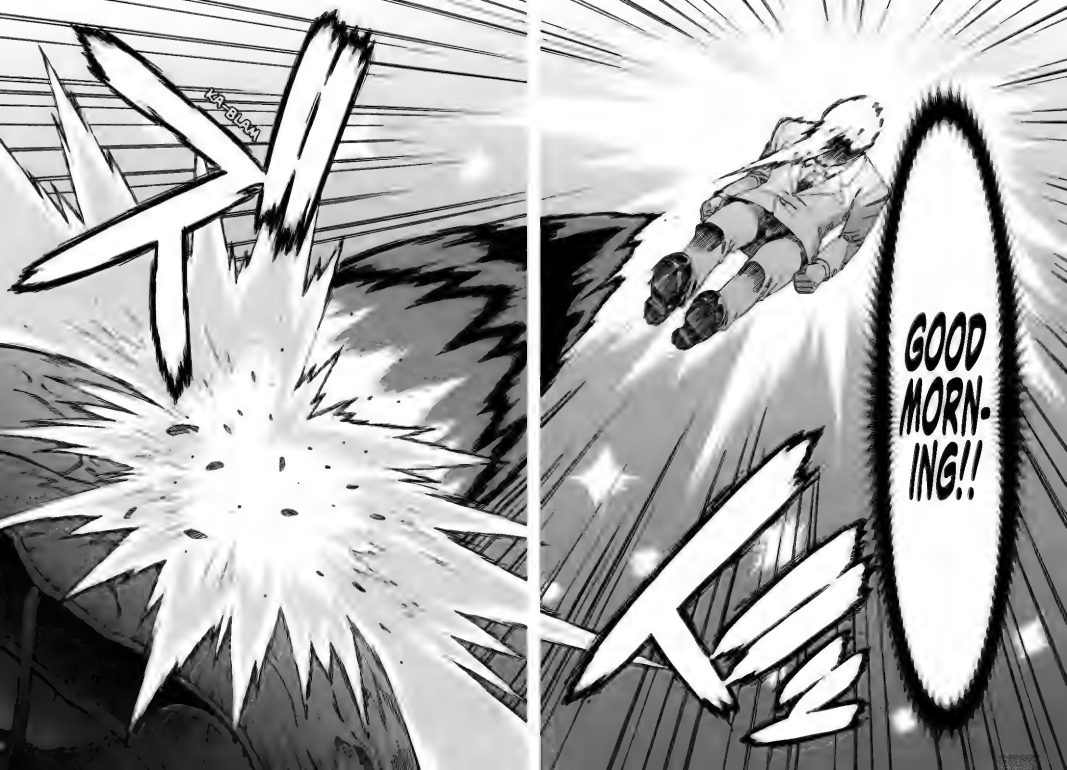
WHOOOOOSH
UWAH !!
WAAAAH!!
THE VENTILATION SYSTEM THAT APPEARED OUT OF NOWHERE IS BLOWING!!
THIS IS TERRIBLE !!
?!
IT'S THAT MYSTERY CASE AGAIN...
WHOOOSH
ヒュオオオ
IT'S DANGEROUS!!
WH-WHATEVER IT IS, THAT'S DANGEROUS...
オオ
IT'S DANGEROUS!
STEP BACK, PLEASE, KAKURA-SAN!
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THEIR OBJECTIVE COULD POSSIBLY BE!!
WH-WHY DOES THE CULPRIT ALWAYS MAKE IT BLOW?

AT THIS RATE, THE PROGRAM WILL...
KEN-CHAN! ASUKA!
TRANS-FORM AND REPEL THOSE FANS!
OKAY!
Umgesta.....
AH!!
OH NO!
THE WIND BLEW AWAY THE TRANS-FORMA-TION RIB-BONS!
THE WIND IS SO STRONG, WE CAN'T GET CLOSE!!
WHOOOOSH
ぶおおおおお
DAMN!
WHAT DO WE DO?
...
KAKURA-SAN?!
DASH
ALL RIGHT, EVERY-ONE...
YOU MUST NOT SPEAK OF WHAT YOU SEE HERE TO ANYONE!
LEAP
!!


KA-BLAM
GOOD MORN-ING!!

THUMP
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POOSH

IN REALITY, I AM ABLE TO FIGHT USING THE SPECIAL POWER OF A CERTAIN BLOODLINE, SAKURAKO-CHAN!
ONE DOWN!
WHEN YOU SAY SPECIAL POWER...
YOU THREW IT, RIGHT?

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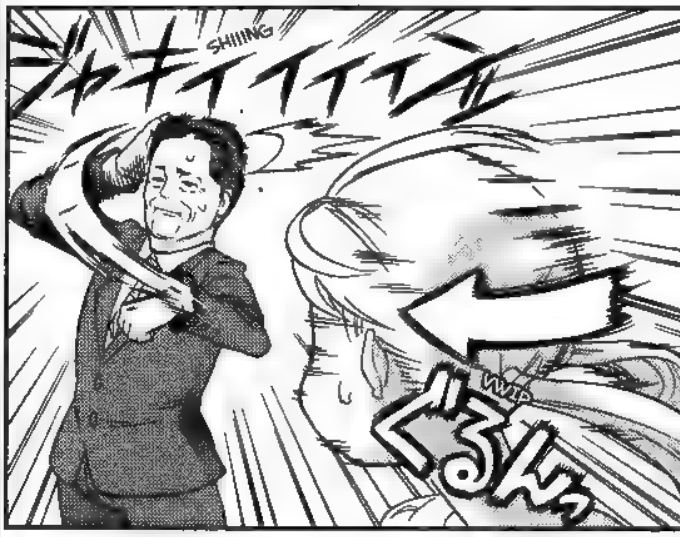
SHIIING
WHIP

THAT IS MY POWER WRIST, A WEIGHTED WRIST-BAND.
WHOA!
HEAVY!
HEFT
ずっしり
WHAT ARE YOU GETTING SO DOWN ABOUT?!
MY FIGHTING SPIRIT FIRED FROM MY CHAKRA!
I-IT'S...
YES, THAT...
...
GOOD MORNING!!
GOOD MORNING!!
GOOD MORNING!!
GOOD MORNING!!
GOOD MORNING!!
HUP!
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
KASHINK
KASHINK
KASHINK
CRASH
CRASH
CRASH

KAKURA-SAN! THE CULPRIT'S OVER THERE!!
!
THIS TIME, I MANIPU-LATED THE AIR CONDITION-ING...
A.C.!
URG !!
DAMN YOU...
MY FANS...
!!
GUWAAAH!!!
THWISH
THUMP
GOOD MORN-ING!
IT'S...
...MINORITA-SAN, THE SHOW HOST OF A PROGRAM COMPETING IN THE SAME TIMESLOT?!

...?
YOU HOST FOR A COMPETING SHOW...
YOU'RE AT FAULT !!
AND SO YOU AND I...
MINORITA... WHY WOULD YOU DO SUCH A THING?
DO YOU CARE THAT MUCH ABOUT RATINGS ?
NO !!
MINO-RITA...
HOW CAN I BEAR IT?!
FOR US TO FIGHT AS FELLOWS IN THE SAME TIMESLOT...
WHAT THE HELL ?!
TOMO-ZOU!!
GLOMP
MI...
MINO-RITA !!

In the end...
The case of "why a certain show host would have wind suddenly blow strongly at his head" closed its curtain.
However, Minorita did not know the culprit who was trying to drag down Sakurako's image.
It seems Minorita had been given an "inexplicable, cause only air conditioning machinery to blow, pin microphone" by a mysterious person in order to try to crush his competition.
Minorita's program no longer had to continue its anti-Sakurako slant...
...and the next day he broadcast about the Sakurako-bashing script he'd been forced to use.
...
ANY-WAY...
IT'S NOW TIME FOR AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW.
WE NEED TO RECOVER YOUR IMAGE, EVEN IF IT'S JUST A LITTLE!

DO YOUR BEST, KEN-CHAN!
IN FIVE-!
TILT
AH!
TNK

むんぎゅっ
MUSH
すべり
SLIP
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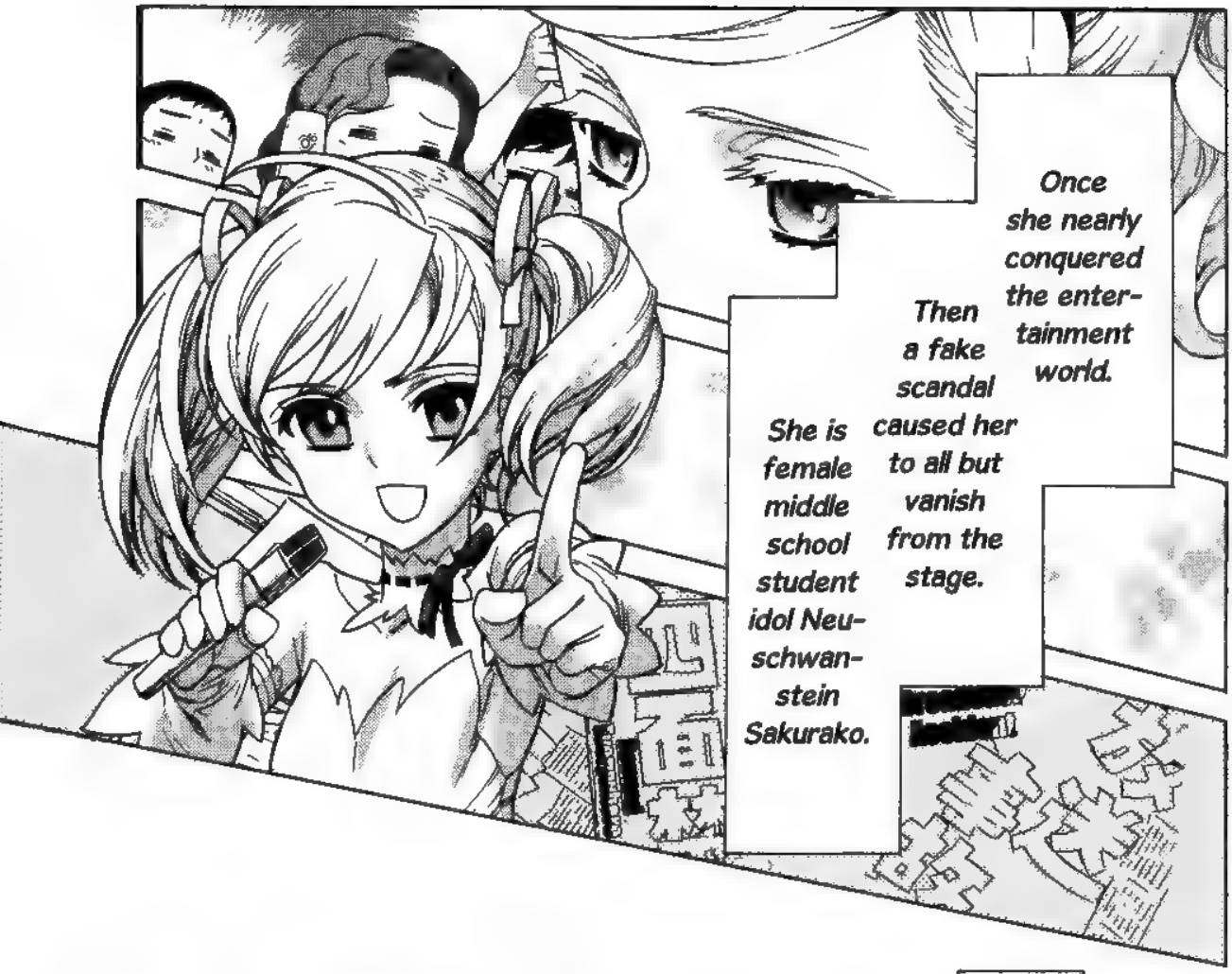
...AH.
!!
Please wait just a moment...

Broadcast Accident
NEUSCHWANSTEIN
SAKURAKO
BANNED EVERYWHERE
Under fire from all of mass media

WE'RE GOING INTO TOMORROW!!
WHERE ARE WE GOING?
SNAG
I DON'T GET WHY THAT'S GOING!!
YOU'RE BEING CONDEMNED EVEN MORE NOW, SAKURAKO-CHAN...
WELL...
WE'RE GOING, KEN-CHAN!!
BUT NOW I CAN FINALLY GO BACK TO MY NORMAL HIGH SCHOOL LIFE...
SLAM
Y'KNOW, I'M ACTUALLY A LITTLE ANNOYED ABOUT BEING UNDER ATTACK LIKE THIS.

SPLSH
IF IT HAS COME DOWN TO THIS...
...WE'LL JUST RE-DO IT ALL FROM THE START!
HWOOSH
UGH... WHY HOKKAIDO AGAIN?
NEUSCHWANSTEIN SAKURAKO ISN'T DONE YET!
SAKURAKO-CHAN'S FIGHT STARTS ONCE AGAIN, RIGHT HERE!!
SO FIRST, WE HOLD A MINI-CONCERT IN THE CONFERENCE CORNER OF THIS DEPARTMENT STORE!!
HOLLYWOOD ACTRESS NEUSCHWANSTEIN SAKURAKO-SAN IS COMING!
WHAT WAS THAT FOREIGNER'S NAME AGAIN?
WOBBLE WOBBLE
WOW! WE'RE WAY OUT THERE!
WE WILL CREEP BACK UP!
AND WE WILL DRAW OUT WHOEVER'S BEHIND THIS PLOT!!
SOUTH!
LET'S GO SOUTH!!

Chapter 3


Once she nearly conquered the entertainment world.
Then a fake scandal caused her to all but vanish from the stage.
She is female middle school student idol Neuschwanstein Sakurako.

Her real identity is...
...a male high school student of the "Brocken bloodline" who fights evil alchemists.
To a rare few, he is known as Shurutsu Kenichi.

DO IT WITH MORE VIGOR!
DANCE LIKE YOU LOVE IT, SAKURAKO-CHAN!!
SHOW HOW ENJOYABLE THIS RESORT HOTEL IS WITH YOUR WHOLE BODY!!
Chapter 3
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
WHAT IS MAN'S REASON FOR LIVING...?!
...

TO PUT HER WHOLE HEART INTO A REGIONAL COMMERCIAL!
S-SO THIS IS NEUSCHWANSTEIN SAKURAKO!
HOW INNOCENT!!
OH...!

DEPRESSED
...!
SUSPECTED OF STAYING OVERNIGHT ON A DATE!
AH, BUT SHE IS...

AH, BUT... AH BUT...
DEPRESSED
DEPRESSED
AND THE CARDBOARD.
BUT THE SMOKING.
AH, BUT SHE'S SO INNOCENT!!
DEPRESSED
AH, BUT SHE IS SUSPECTED OF THAT SUDDEN MARRIAGE!
AH, BUT SHE IS SO INNOCENT!
WHY DON'T YOU JUST SHUT UP?!
WH...
WHAT DO WE DOOOOOOO?!

...I'VE MANAGED TO GET MY HANDS ON THIS COMMERCIAL JOB!
IN ORDER TO INVESTIGATE A MYSTERY CASE HAPPENING AT THIS HOTEL...
UGH...
WHY AM I COMING TO A HOT SPRING DRESSED LIKE THIS TO DANCE?
LIKE I CAN STAND THIS BEING BROADCAST FOR A QUARTER OF A CENTURY!!
SO THIS TIME WE'LL PLANT THE SEEDS OF SAKURAKO-CHAN'S COMEBACK IN THE GROUND OF THESE LOCALS...
REGIONAL RESORT HOTELS MAKE A COMMERCIAL ONCE THEN USE IT FOR A QUARTER CENTURY!
UWAAH!!
ISN'T THIS THE OFFICIAL WORK OUTFIT OF THE STAFF AT THIS HOTEL?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, KEN-CHAN?
THIS ISN'T EVEN A KIMONO ANYMORE!
AND WHAT'S WITH THIS MINI-KIMONO GETUP?!

FOR SEVERAL YEARS, THIS HOT SPRING INN HAS BEEN ON THE VERGE OF FAILURE...
THE YOUNG LANDLADY IS SAID TO HAVE PICKED THE STAFF'S CUTE NEW UNIFORMS.
NOW THIS INN'S REPUTATION IS RISING AMONG THE PROMINENT RESORT HOTELS OF NORTHERN JAPAN.
I AM THE LANDLADY, HARUE.
THE LAND-LADY IS IN A MINI, TOO?!
IT'S QUITE EMBAR-RASSING BUT...
Beautiful Legs
HAVING THAT SAKURAKO-CHAN APPEAR IN A COMMER-CIAL WHILE WEARING THE UNIFORM I SUGGESTED SHOULD HAVE A STRONG IMPACT!
THE LANDLADY MUST SET AN EX-AMPLE.
YOU SAY THAT BUT... DON'T YOU JUST WANT TO SHOW OFF YOUR LEGS?
Beautiful Legs
AND THEN, IF IT'S ALRIGHT, I'LL HAVE YOU TRY ON MY LATEST UNIFORMS, A MAID LOOK AND A WESTERNIZED HIGH-COLLAR LOOK...
WHAT IS WITH THAT SKIN-COLORED HIGH-COLLAR OUTFIT ?!

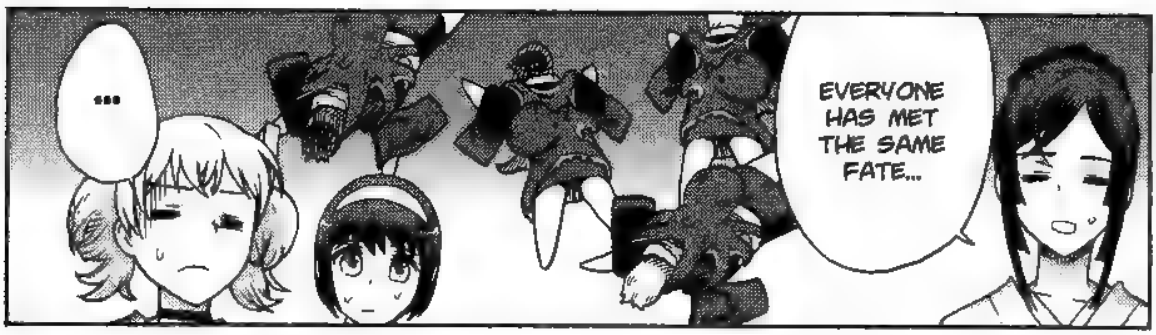
WAI...
THE HEAD LAND-LADY IN A MINI IS NO GOOD !!
YOU SHOULD SERI-OUSLY RECON-SIDER THIS!!
WITHERED
LEGS
THERE IS NO VALUE IN BEGGING.
THIS IS NO GOOD, HARUE-SAN!
!
MOTHER!

NEU-SCHWANSTEIN SAKURAKO CAN'T GET ANY WORK BUT THIS KIND...
THERE ARE NO LEADS YET ON THE PERPETRATOR OF THIS FAKE SCANDAL...

YOU SURE LOOK LIKE YOU'RE MAKING ABSURDLY GOOD USE OF INFIL-TRATING THIS HOT SPRING INN...
HOW IS THE WATER ...?
THERE IS NO TIME AT ALL TO REST!!

LOST HIS OFFICE
HERE AT THIS INN...
NUMEROUS CELEBRITY GUESTS HAVE VISITED LATELY.
HAVING RECENTLY FALLEN IN THE PUBLIC EYE AND WANTING TO REGAIN SOME OF THEIR PREVIOUS RESPECT, THEY HAVE COME TO STAY THE NIGHT.
ARE YOU LUMPING ME IN WITH THEM?
BUT THOSE CELEBRITIES LODGING HERE WILL ALL OF A SUDDEN...
SHOW UP WEARING A NA*HAGE MASK AND MAKE TROUBLE IN THE WOMEN'S BATHS.
SOME SHOW UP IN THE BACK ROOMS OF THE HOTEL DRESSED IN THE STAFF'S UNIFORMS...
ALL WHILE ENTANGLED IN AN OCTOPUS. MYSTERIOUS INCIDENTS LIKE THIS HAVE HAPPENED MULTIPLE TIMES...
I DON'T THINK "MYSTERIOUS" BEGINS TO COVER THAT!!
OCTOPUS INK
WE PUT OCTOPI IN TUB MINI
THERE ARE EVEN PUZZLING MESSAGES...

I SWEAR ON GRANDFATHER'S NAME!
Japanese Dictionary
HEARING ABOUT IT, FAMOUS DETECTIVES AND POLICE INVESTIGATORS HAVE COME TO LOOK INTO THIS CASE FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY...
OH...
THAT'S KIND OF AMAZING.


EVERYONE HAS MET THE SAME FATE...
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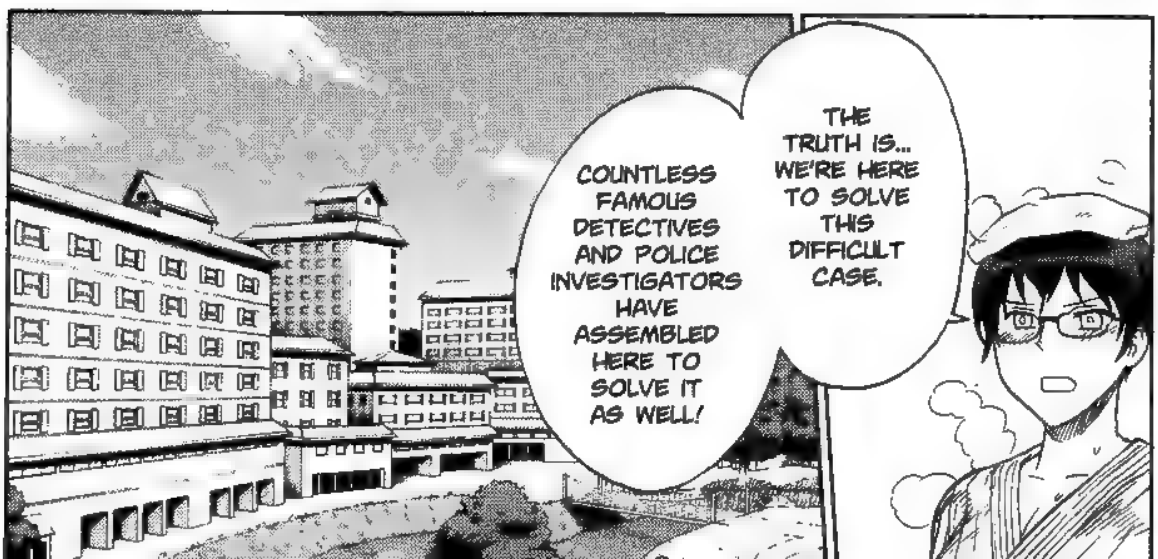
THE TRUTH IS... WE'RE HERE TO SOLVE THIS DIFFICULT CASE.
COUNTLESS FAMOUS DETECTIVES AND POLICE INVESTIGATORS HAVE ASSEMBLED HERE TO SOLVE IT AS WELL!

FOR THIS INVESTIGATION, ASUKA AND I WILL ACT AS STAFF.
SAKURAKO-CHAN, YOU'VE GOT YOUR COMMERCIAL FILMING... AND TONIGHT'S DINNER SHOW. YOU NEED TO DO YOUR BEST, TOO!!
DINNER SHOW?! I DIDN'T HEAR ABOUT THAT!
WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO IT!
AND WHY ARE YOU SO INTO THIS, RENA-SAN!
ASUKA IS STILL A MIDDLE-SCHOOL GIRL!!
YOU'VE NO NEED TO WORRY.
SHE CAN'T WORK IN A PLACE LIKE THIS, DOING A JOB LIKE THIS...

FOR THOSE TIMES WHEN A CUSTOMER HAS A LITTLE TOO MUCH TO DRINK AND CAN'T BE PATIENT WITH THE UNIFORMS...
WE'VE HIRED BATTLE STAFF FOR SECURITY.
IF YOU'RE ONLY WORRIED ABOUT A FEW DRUNKS ...
THEN WHAT THE HELL DO YOU NEED ALL OF THEM FOR?!

SAKU-RAKO-CHAAA AAN!!
?!

IT'S BEEN FOR-EV-ER!!

I WANT TO USE THIS CHANCE TO RUN BACK HOME...

KAKYOUIN KYOUKA-SAN!!
I'VE BEEN SO WORRIED EVER SINCE THAT SCANDAL!
KYOUKA-SAN, ARE YOU INFILTRATING AS STAFF, TOO?
OH NO, I'M HERE TO SHOOT A MOVIE.
MOVIE ?
KARA-YAMA-SAN ?!
THAT IS COR-RECT!
IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN.
AH.
IT'S BEEN TERRIBLE, SAKU-RAKO-CHAN.
RIGHT NOW WHAT'S TERRIBLE IS WHAT YOU LOOK LIKE!!

THIS FILM IS A NEW PRODUCTION BASED ON THE DRAMA YOU ACTED IN, SAKURAKO-CHAN.
"THE MAN OF THE WHITE CASTLE—THE MOVIE. THE GENIUS SURGEON AND THE STEAMY MURDER CASE, KARTE 3: THE BEAUTIFUL NURSE CORPS' BLOOD-SOAKED RELAXING INN! LUXURIOUS SUITE AT THE SECRET HOT SPRINGS OF TERROR IN THE SNOWY NORTH!"
"THE MOVIE"...? ALL IT SOUNDS LIKE IS A TWO-HOUR TV DRAMA!!
HOT
PRING
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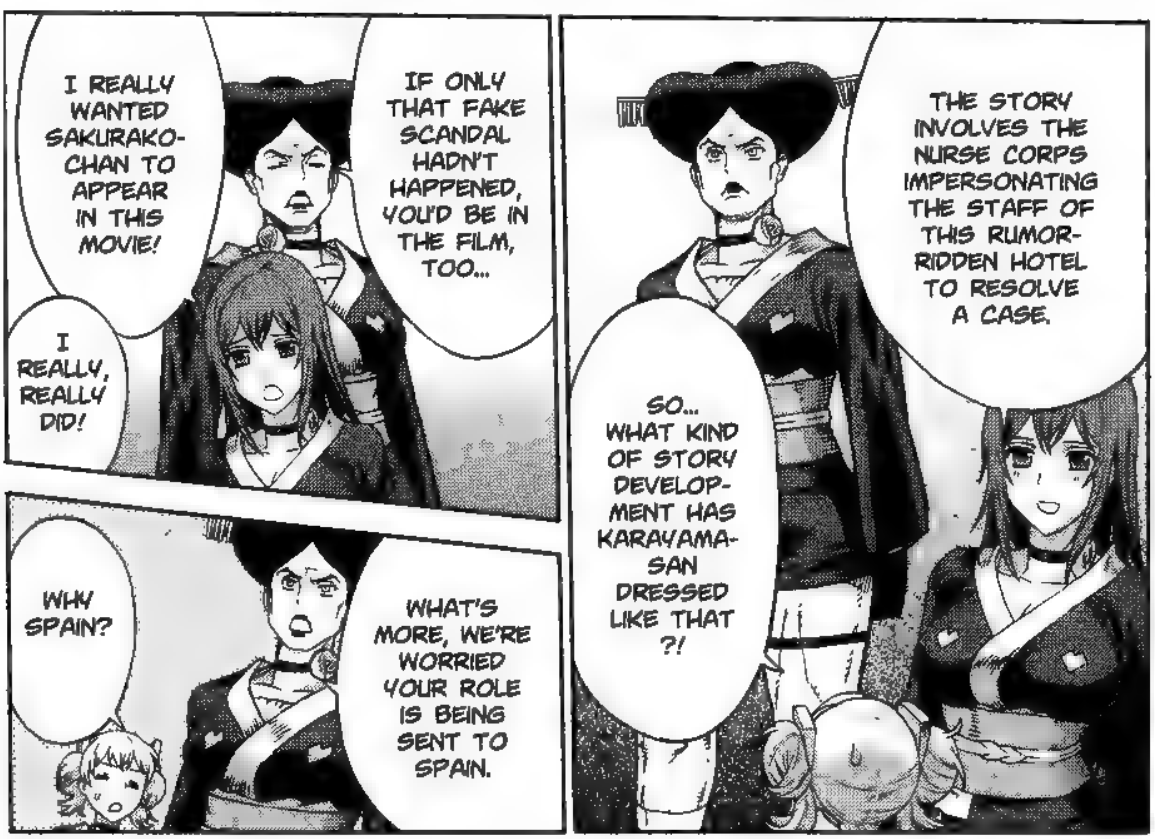
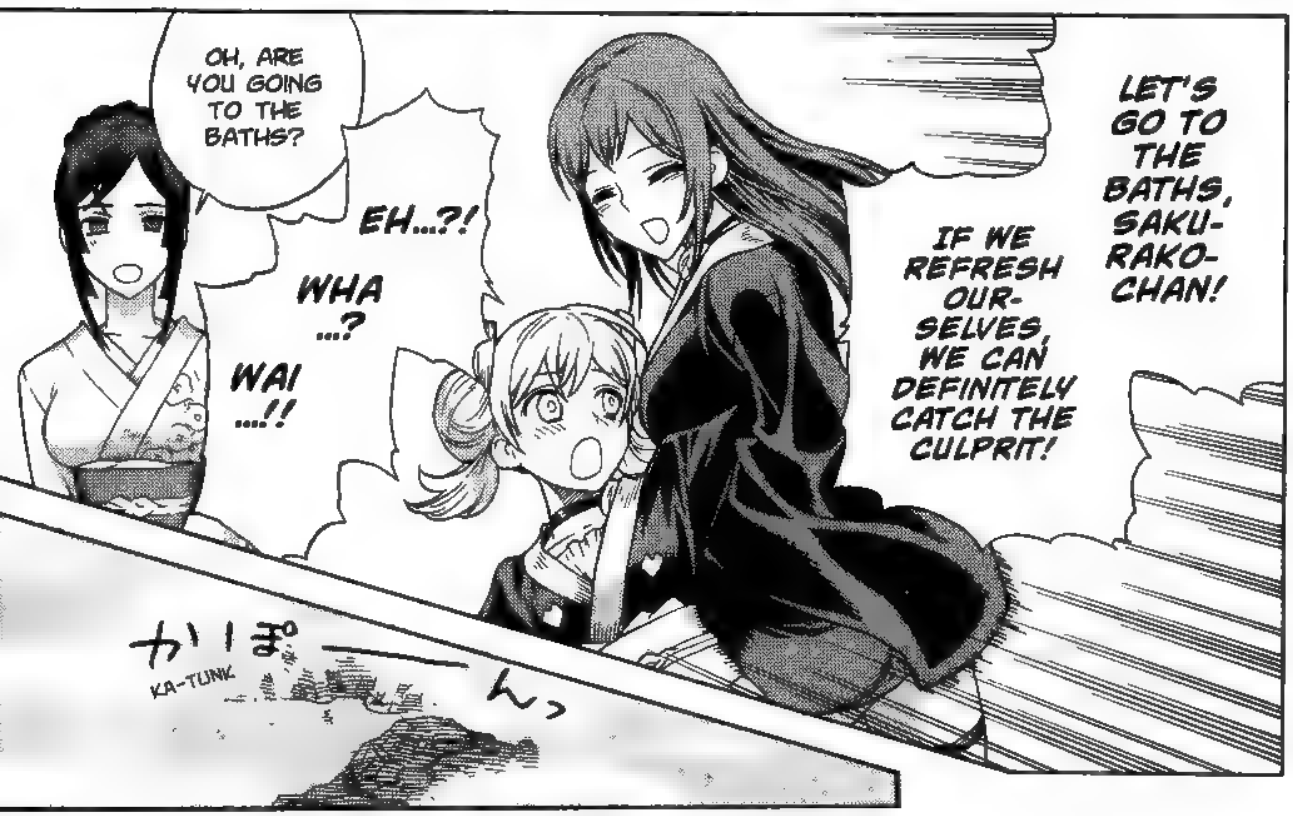
NEFITS


I REALLY WANTED SAKURAKO-CHAN TO APPEAR IN THIS MOVIE!
IF ONLY THAT FAKE SCANDAL HADN'T HAPPENED, YOU'D BE IN THE FILM, TOO...
I REALLY, REALLY DID!
THE STORY INVOLVES THE NURSE CORPS IMPERSONATING THE STAFF OF THIS RUMOR-RIDDEN HOTEL TO RESOLVE A CASE.
SO... WHAT KIND OF STORY DEVELOP-MENT HAS KARAYAMA-SAN DRESSED LIKE THAT ?!
WHY SPAIN?
WHAT'S MORE, WE'RE WORRIED YOUR ROLE IS BEING SENT TO SPAIN.

ALL THIS SAKURAKO-CHAN BASHING IS JUST AWFUL!
AND YOU, STILL GOING THIS FAR FOR AN INVESTIGATION...
SUCH A BRAVE CHILD!
THIS MOVIE IS INVITING THE GUIDANCE OF A FAMED MARTIAL ARTS FAMILY TO SHOW OFF SOME KUNG-FU ACTION WITH THE NURSE CORPS.
IF IT WERE YOU, WE'D BE ABLE TO SHOOT SOME MORE WONDERFUL ACTION...
WHY IS THERE KUNG-FU ACTION IN A RELAXING INN SUITE...?


OH, ARE YOU GOING TO THE BATHS?
EH...?!
WHA ...?
WAI ...!!
LET'S GO TO THE BATHS, SAKURAKO-CHAN!
IF WE REFRESH OURSELVES, WE CAN DEFINITELY CATCH THE CULPRIT!
かぽーん
KA-TUNK

I'M SORRY !!
I'M SORRY !
I'M SORRY !
SUCH A NICE BATH, ISN'T IT, SAKURAKO-CHAN?
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
AND WHY IS THE LANDLADY HERE WITH US?!

AW!
YOU SHOULD REST WHILE YOU CAN, SAKURAKO-CHAN!
THAT'S RIGHT.
AND YOU SHOULD BE WORKING, LANDLADY!

W-W-W-WE SHOULD INVESTIGATE THE C-CASE...
TH-TH-TH-TH...
THIS ISN'T THE TIME FOR A BATH ...

THEN AGAIN, HAVEN'T THE INCIDENTS BEEN HAPPENING IN THE WOMEN'S BATHS ...?
KYA-AAAAAA!!!
!
LANDLADY, IT'S TERRIBLE !!
TMPTMPTMPTMPTMP
A FAMOUS DETECTIVE LODGING HERE TO INVESTIGATE IS GOING CRAZY WHILE WEARING A MASK!!
Ungestaltung!!
DAMN! NOW I'LL HAVE TO TRANSFORM...
KYAAA!!

GAA ....!
THERE'S NOT ENOUGH CLOTH!!
!!
STARE
URK
FU...
FUJIKO-CHAAAN !!

ARE YOU OKAY?!
I'M FI-
KER-SMACK
KRSSH
WH...
WHAT'S WRONG, SAKURAKO-CHAN?!
DO YOU FEEL STRANGE ...?!
I'M FINE! IN ALL SORTS OF WAYS, I'M FINE!!
W... WHAT MATTERS IS THE CULPRIT MAY STILL BE NEAR!
WE NEED TO SEARCH ...
... DAMN!

HUH ?!
I GUESS I'LL RE-TREAT FOR NOW...
ぽんっ
PAT
!
IS THAT THE CUL-PRIT?
THIS PERSON ...!
THUD

WHY ARE YOU HERE FOR THIS CASE?
FAMED CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR FUNAKOSHI-SAN?!
HE'S THE ONE CALLED THE EMPEROR OF MURDER INVESTIGATIONS...
I WAS SO INTENT ON PLAYING A PART IN MY OWN PRODUCTION, TO UPSTAGE MY RIVALS WHILE PUTTING THEM DOWN...
AND TO FINALLY SOLVE THIS CASE MYSELF AND GIVE IT A NICE WRAP UP...
I CAN'T BEAR THIS INESCAPABLE FEAR!
...I'VE BEEN SO AFRAID! AS THE EMPEROR, STANDING ON THE VERY TOP OF INVESTIGATIONS...

Boulder Bath

UWAAAAH!!
BECAUSE OF THIS MYSTERIOUS HAND MIRROR!
EVERYONE, BE TANGLED BY OCTOP! WHILE WEARING MINI-KIMONO!!
I HAVE THIS STRANGE POWER GIVEN TO ME BY A MYSTERIOUS MAN...
BUT NOW...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, DEAR?!
WHAM!
GAAAAH!!
?!
どさっ
THUD
UGH...
ゴゴゴゴゴゴゴゴ
RUMBLE RUMBLE
WH..
WHO IS SHE ...?

E...
EKA-TERINA..
SHE IS INSPECTOR FUNAKOSHI'S WIFE, WHO IS HERE TO COACH US ON OUR ACTION SEQUENCES FOR THE MOVIE—
MATSUI MARTIAL ARTS SCHOOL OF STAVES MASTER, EKATERINA MATSUI-SENSEI.
D...
DEAR ...!!
I WANTED TO SHOW YOU HOW COOL I LOOKED SOLVING THIS DIFFICULT CASE!
IN FRONT OF YOUR EYES...
YOU HAVE A LOT OF NERVE, PULLING SOMETHING LIKE THIS AT MY WORK-PLACE!
EEK !!
I... I'M SORRY, EKATE-RINA!!
EKATE-RINA!!
MY DEAR !!

IN ANY CASE, IT IS COMMEND-ABLE THE MYSTERY HAS BEEN SOLVED WITH-OUT A GREAT AMOUNT OF DAMAGE...
...
In the end...
the "Octopi (omitted) on Mini (rest omitted)" case was solved...
YOU'VE CAUGHT THE CUL-PRIT!!
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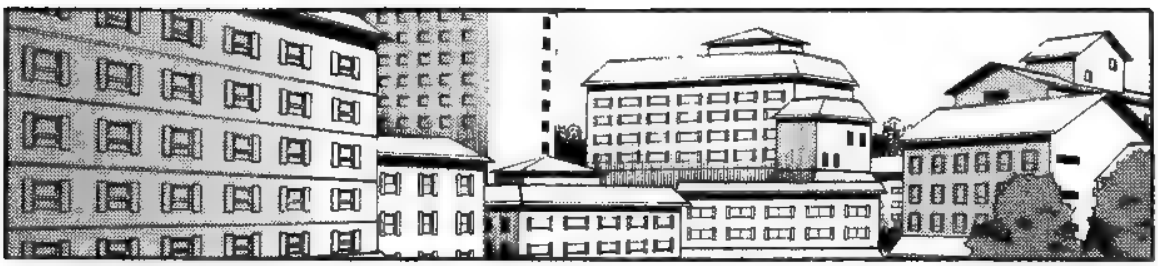

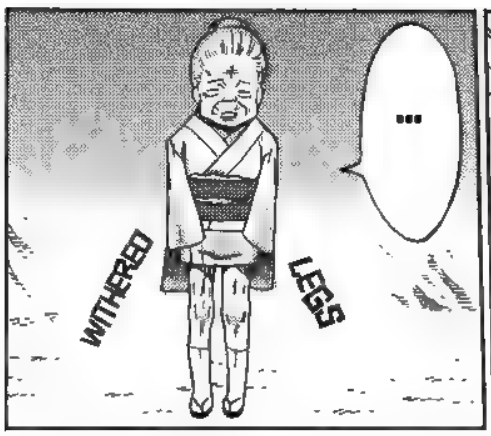

Chapter 3/Fin

I WON'T !!
THEY COULDN'T EVEN BROAD-CAST IT !!
THE LANDLADY IS WONDERING IF SHE MIGHT CONVINCE YOU TO WEAR THAT MINI YOU TRANS-FORMED INTO FOR ANOTHER COMMERCIAL...
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Chapter 4

I...
I MADE IT!
OH.
IT'S YOU.
MORNING.
WAIT UP!
EVERY MORNING LATELY, YOU'VE BEEN BARELY MAKING IT.
WHAT'S UP?
UH... YEAH...
IT'S, UH...
SHURUTSU, HAVE YOU SEEN "GUMONYUU," THE NEW WEATHER CORNER SEGMENT ON THE MORNING NEWS?!
URK
THAT'S RIGHT...
WHAAAT! YOU HAVEN'T SEEN IT?!
N-NOT YET...
WHY?
YOU DEFINITELY NEED TO SEE IT!!

Chapter 4
THE WEATHER CORNER HAS RECENTLY BEEN TAKEN OVER BY THIS BEAUTIFUL YOUNG GIRL WEATHER FORECASTER.
HOHENZOLLERN KAEDE-CHAN IS AMAZINGLY CUTE!!!
UH...
HUUUUH?!
ゴゴゴ
SUMBLE SUMBLE
ゴゴゴ

RUMBLE RUMBLE
QUIVER
QUIVER
QUIVER
I WISH SHE'D STRIKE ME WITH THAT POINTER SHE USES ON THE WEATHER MAP!!
SINCE WE LOST SAKURAKO-CHAN, SHE HAS HEALED OUR HEARTS.
AN ANGEL HAS APPEARED !!

There is a "Brocken bloodline" high school boy who fights evil alchemists.
His name is Shu-rutsu Kenichi.
To investigate bloodline-related crimes, he embraces the persona of the modern female middle school idol "Neuschwanstein Sakurako"...
who at one time command-ed the peak of the entertain-ment industry.
However, due to a fake scandal created by an un-known perpetrator, Sakurako fell from popularity's precipice.
Broadcast Accident
And so...

SO THIS TIME, IN ORDER TO INVESTIGATE A MYSTERY CASE ON A TELEVISION PROGRAM...
NEU-SCHWANSTEIN SAKURAKO IS BANNED FROM ALL TELEVISION PROGRAMS TO THIS DAY.
IT IS REGRET-TABLE, BUT...

** The tassels of her hat read, "sky" or "heavens."*

I FEEL SO SORRY FOR THE ELDERLY!!
SAKURA BLOOM FRONT!!
ELDERLY MEN IN LOINCLOTHS, GATHERING TO DANCE TO CALL FORTH THE "SAKURA BLOOM FRONT"... IT'S SO MAJESTIC...
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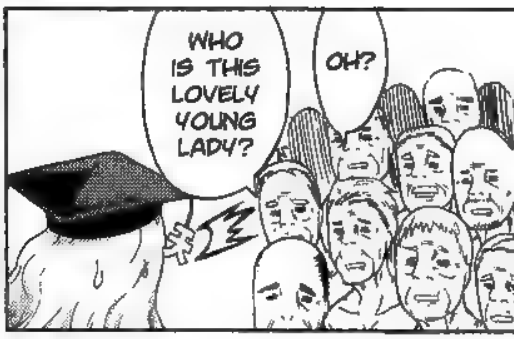
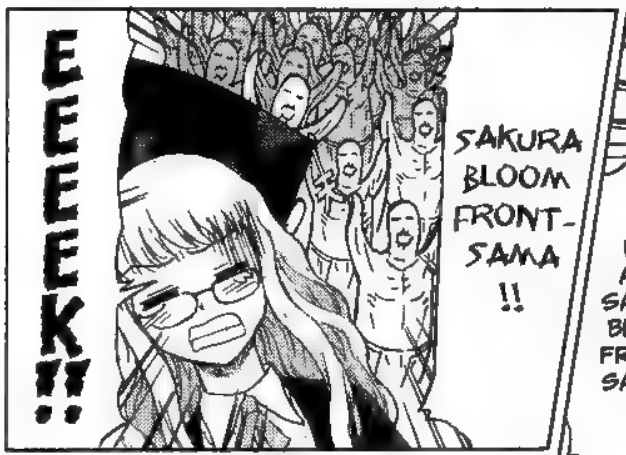
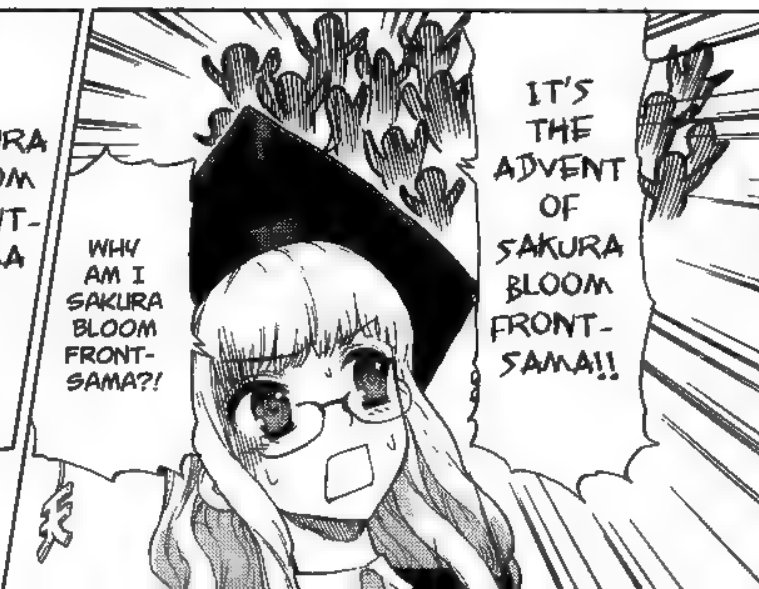
* The kanji on the back of her robe also reads, "sky" or "heavens."







WHY HAVEN'T YOU ALL DIED AL-READY ?!
SHUT IT!!
SO LET'S TALK WITH KAEDE-CHAN, WHO IS LIVE ON THE SCENE.
KAEDE-CHAN...

CHARACTER APPEAR-ANCES AND CHANTS ARE ALL A PART OF RISING POPULARITY!
TONIGHT'S WEATHER CORNER GETS US AN APPEAR-ANCE IN THE STUDIO!
...
ON THE FLOOR OF A TV STAGE...
IT'S BEEN SO LONG!
THE ELDERLY SHOUTING OUT WITH ALL THEY'VE GOT MAKES A PRETTY CHARMING IMAGE...
THAT IS TO SAY...
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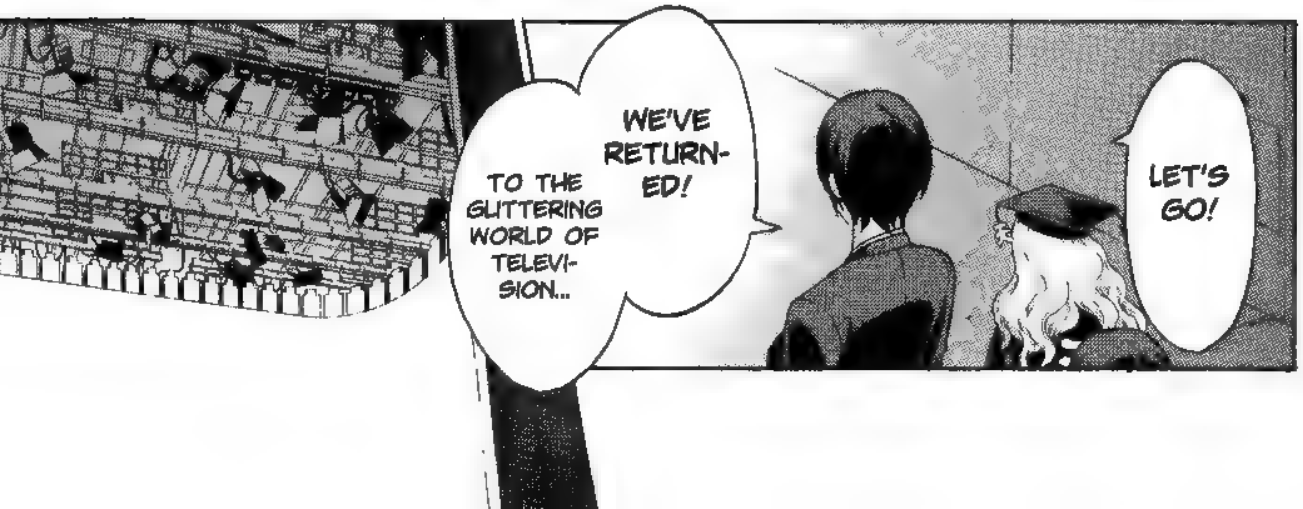
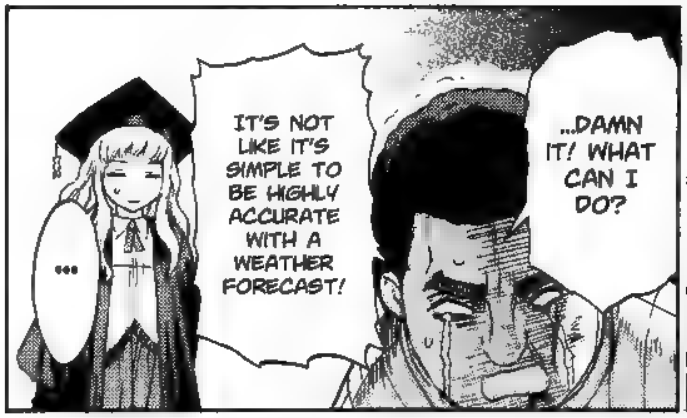
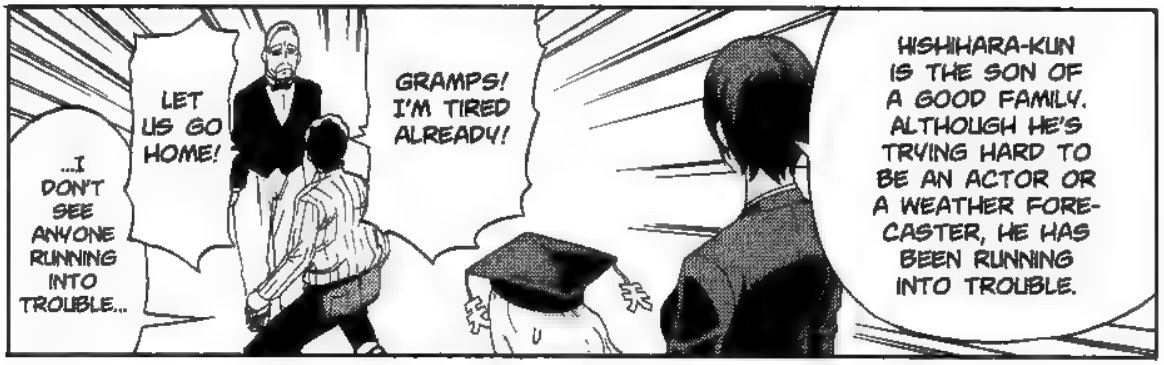

WE'VE RETURN-ED!
TO THE GLITTERING WORLD OF TELEVI-SION...
LET'S GO!

GAAAA!!
CASH
JUST WHEN WILL YOUR FORECAST EVER BE RIGHT?!

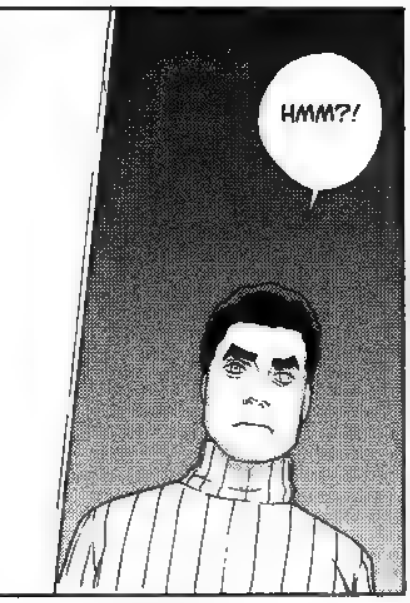
...
SKIDDD
UM...
THOSE TWO HAVING THE "BUSINESS MEETING" RIGHT NOW...
THEY'RE THIS PROGRAM'S MAIN TELECASTER, ANTONIO YUUKO-SAN, AND...
NICKNAMED "ANTON-SAN."
WEATHER FORECASTER HISHIHARA-KUN!
BUSINESS MEETING?
I DON'T SEE ANYTHING BUT ABUSE!
CAN'T YOU TRY TO LEARN SOMETHING FROM THE TOP PREDICTION RATE MORINO-SAN?!
YOU, WHOSE PREDICTION RATE DOESN'T EVEN REACH QUOTA!
UGH... I'M SORRY...
THERE'S A QUOTA ?!


...
IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S SIMPLE TO BE HIGHLY ACCURATE WITH A WEATHER FORECAST!
...DAMN IT! WHAT CAN I DO?

UGH...
GO BACK AND TRY IT FROM THE START!


...I DON'T SEE ANYONE RUNNING INTO TROUBLE...
LET US GO HOME!
GRAMPS! I'M TIRED ALREADY!
HISHIHARA-KUN IS THE SON OF A GOOD FAMILY. ALTHOUGH HE'S TRYING HARD TO BE AN ACTOR OR A WEATHER FORECASTER, HE HAS BEEN RUNNING INTO TROUBLE.

I'M GETTING WORRIED!
WORK HARD, KEN-CHAN!
THAT'S WHAT IT MAY LOOK LIKE, BUT...


HMM?!

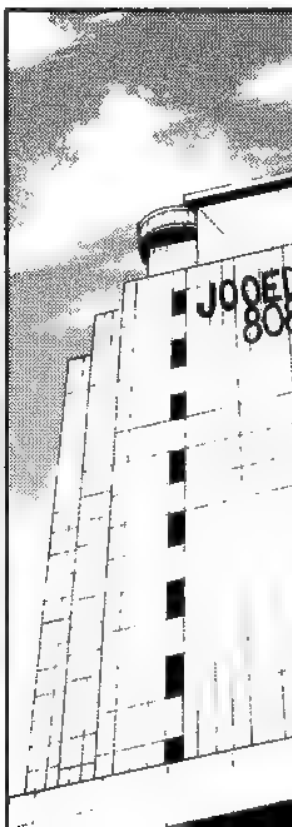
THIS IS WEATHER WITCH HOHEN-ZOLLERN KAEDE'S MAGICAL WEATHER FORECAST CORNER!!
HELLO FOR THE FIRST TIME FROM THE STUDIO!

TOMORROW, A PRETTY AMAZING WARM WIND WILL BE BLOWING IN FROM THE SOUTH.
IT MIGHT SUDDENLY BE A SUMMERY DAY!
HA HA!
WHAT IS SHE SAYING ?!
IT'S STILL SPRING. IT CAN'T POSSIBLY BE A SUMMERY DAY.

The Next Day
OH HO!
WHAAAAAAT?!

A-ANTONIO-SAN.
GOOD MOR-

TH... THANK YOU..
IT'S CUTE, QUITE ACCURATE, AND IS QUICKLY GATHERING A GOOD REPUTATION!
OH KAEDE-CHAN, YOUR MAGICAL WEATHER FORECAST—
!
TK TK TK



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...
WHAT DID I DO?!
SSSCARY!!
DON'T GET SO FULL OF YOURSELF.
PLEASE.
HEH HEH... OF COURSE!
TO THINK IT'D TURN OUT JUST LIKE THAT!
THE FORECAST WAS JUST LIKE YOU SAID, RENA-SAN.
B-BUT IT IS AMAZING.
Manmade satellites
Data transfer
Earth
Super Computer
I HAD TO USE HALF OF THE MONEY I'D SAVED UP FROM SAKURAKO-CHAN!
THAT'S WAY TOO MUCH!!
IT MAKES PREDICTIONS USING WEATHER SATELLITE DATA FROM ALL COUNTRIES!
I ANALYZED THE WEATHER DATA WITH A SUPER COMPUTER DEVELOPED SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS PURPOSE.

RUMBLE RUMBLE
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UNTIL "NEU-SCHWANSTEIN SAKURAKO" RECOVERS...
UWAH ...
RENA-SAN IS ON FIRE...!
"HOHEN-ZOLLERN KAEDE" WILL HAVE TO WORK HARD!

S...
SNOW ?!
TONIGHT'S WEATHER IS GOING TO BE...
AND NOW FOR KAEDE'S MAGICAL WEATHER FORECAST!
...

GLANCE ちら
...
WHAT-EVER SHE MAY SAY, SNOW IS JUST...
IT'S BEEN A BEAUTIFUL, SUMMERY DAY UNTIL NOW.
THERE... THERE'S NO WAY...
HA HA HA HA HA HA!
HA...

IT'S A SNOW FLURRY ?!
IT REALLY IS SNOW-ING...
KAEDE-CHAN'S AMAZ-ING!!

AMAZ-ING!
KAEDE-CHAN IS AMAZ-ING!
IT'S LIKE SHE REALLY IS A WEATHER WITCH!!

GRR ...
DAMN!
WHAT IS...?
WHAT IS...?
WHAT IS WITH THIS WEATHER WITCH ?!

Ungestaltung!!
!!
...A BROCKEN BLOODLINE MEMBER ?!
WEATHER FORE-CASTER MORINO-SAN IS...
THIS WEATHER CANNOT BE!!
MO... MORINO-SAN?
* Rod also reads, "sky" or "heavens."
* The tiara and shoes also read, "sky" or "heavens."
TAA-DAA
I'D RATHER NOT SEE IT!!
THIS IS WHAT A REAL WEATHER WITCH LOOKS LIKE!!
天

I'LL BLOW IT AWAY!!
THIS SNOW FLURRY!
UWAAH!
THE NUMBER ONE WEATHER FORECASTER POSITION GRANTED TO ME BY THIS MAGIC ROD'S POWER...
I WILL NOT HAND IT OVER!!
WHOOOOSH
...!
MORINO-SAN'S BEEN USING THIS POWER TO MAKE THE WEATHER GO AS HIS FORECAST PREDICTS!
SO THAT'S IT...
WHACK
GUH-WHA?!
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!!
DAMN! I CAN'T GET CLOSE!

RUMBLE
?!
VWSH
BIFF
SLIIIIDE
...WEATHER FORE-CASTER—
HAYASHI-HARA-SAN!!
RUMBLE
YET ANOTHER CHAN-NEL'S...
THAT IS...!
WH...
WHO IS HE ?!
FOR ME TO DISCOVER THAT THE WEATHER FORECASTERS HERE WERE ENGAGED IN SOMETHING SO BARBARIC...
I'VE COME IN SECRET TO SEE THIS "HOHENZOLLERN KAEDE" THAT EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT.
WHY IS HAYASHI-HARA-SAN IN THIS STUDIO?

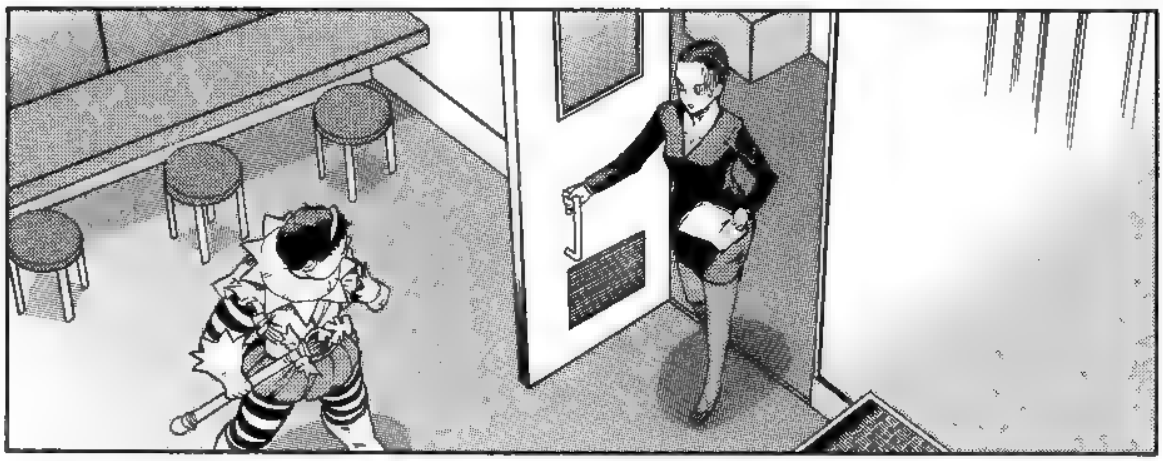
HAYASHI-HARA-SAN HAS A TON OF CHILDREN BEHIND HIM?!
ARE THEY STANDS*?
LOOOOOM
I WILL NEVER FORGIVE IT!!
* "Stands" refer to spirit manifestations from the manga series "JoJo's Bizarre Adventure."
WHAT THE HELL!!
WHY CHILDREN?!
I'VE GIVEN IT THE FORM OF THESE CHILDREN !!
RUMBLE
THE LOVE I HOLD FOR WEATHER IN MY HEART...
TAKE THESE FISTS THAT ARE INFUSED WITH MY LOVE FOR WEATHER, MORITA-SAN!!
HECT HECT HECT HECT HECT HECT HECT HECT HECT...
EEEK !!
PUMMEL PUMMEL

KA-POW
HECTO-PASCAL!!
(A term for an atmospheric pressure measurement.)
And so...
The mystery case of the television news program was resolved...
!
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT... THE MYSTERY CASE HAPPENING HERE AT THE TV NEWS SHOW... WHAT WAS IT ALL ABOUT?
AH... IT WAS...
OCCASIONALLY, MORITA-SAN HAD BEEN SEEN LOITERING AROUND THE STUDIO DRESSED STRANGELY. IT WAS THAT KIND...
YOU'RE GOING TO LEAVE IT LIKE THAT?!
THUD
NO INVESTIGATION OR ANYTHING?

TWITCH
TWITCH
SIZZLE
And in the end...
"The case of the weather forecaster dressed weirdly and using a magic rod to control the weather" was resolved.
HUH...?
WHERE IS THAT ROD?
THE ONE MORINO-SAN WAS CARRYING?
W-WITH THIS ROD'S POWER...
THE WEATHER WILL BE AS I THINK IT SHOULD.
ANTON-SAN WON'T BE ABLE TO COMPLAIN ANYMORE!!
BUT ...
HOW DO I USE IT ?
IT SEEMED LIKE THERE WAS SOME KIND OF SPELL TO CHANT OR SOMETHING...

WELL, I GUESS I'LL JUST TRY IT...
HUGE, HUGE MICROCOMPUTER! HUGE MICRO-COMPUTER!!
(SPELL)
TAA-DAA
OOOH !!

HISHI-HARA-KUN, ABOUT TO-MORROW'S WEATHER CORNER...
KNOCK KNOCK
KACHAK
ALL RIGHT !!



Chapter 4/fin

WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP

THIS ISLAND IS USED AS AN EXCLUSIVE RESORT BY CELEBRITIES.
SOME ANCIENT RUINS WERE RECENTLY DISCOVERED, AND THEY'VE BECOME QUITE THE SENSATION!
I SEE IT!

SO ...
BEFORE WE LAND, YOU NEED TO GET CHANGED INTO THIS.
?
COOL!
TO THINK JAPAN HAS AN ISLAND LIKE THIS!
EXPLORING A FOREST LOOKING FOR ANCIENT RUINS IS A MAN'S DREAM!
HO HO ...
IT'S GOOD YOU'RE HAPPY.

Chapter 5

Chapter 5
Having lost her time in the spotlight to a fake scandal,
modern female middle school idol Neuschwanstein Sakurako returns.
Her real identity...
...is that of a male high school student from the "Brocken bloodline" who fights evil alchemists.
His name is Shurutsu Kenichi, but those who know him as that are very few...
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TREMBLE
ぷるぷる
TREMBLE
ぷるぷる

THIS TIME, SAKURAKO-CHAN IS...
COMING TO THIS ISLAND TO INVESTIGATE A MYSTERY CASE.
FOR THIS EXPEDITION INTO UNEXPLORED TERRITORY, WE'LL HAVE YOU PLAY THE PART OF A REPORTER IN A SPECIAL!!
ぷるぷる
TREMBLE
ぷるぷる
URG...
A MAN'S ...
A MAN'S DREAM ...

WHY IS THE TOP A BIKINI ?!
IT'S A SOUTHERN ISLAND, SO WE'RE GOING FOR A TROPICAL FEEL...
WHAT THE HELL KIND OF OUTFIT IS THIS?!
...I THOUGHT WE WERE EXPLOR-ING.
IF THAT'S THE CASE, WHY DO I, A GUY, HAVE TO WEAR ANYTHING ON MY CHEST?
HAVING IT ON IS EVEN MORE EMBAR-RASSING THAN GOING SHIRTLESS!
WHAT IS IT NOW...?
YOU CAN'T JUST TAKE IT OFF, KEN-CHAN.
AFTER ALL, ASUKA'S ALREADY ALMOST AT HER LIMIT...
KENICHI-SAN...
SEXY...
ASUKA...
ANY-HOW!
TO MAKE THIS PROGRAM A SUC-CESS...
WE NEED TO SHOW OUR LOYALTY TO THE TV STATION. SAKURAKO-CHAN'S COMEBACK IS CLOSE TO BLOOMING!

AND SO, KEN-CHAN...
...YOU WILL SPRINKLE IN CUTENESS BY GETTING SCARED AND BEING SURPRISED BY FAKE SKELETONS AND SNAKES!
IT'S THAT KIND OF PROGRAM ?!

THERE ARE STILL PEOPLE WHO ENJOY THE BEAUTY OF THE PRESENTATION.
THAT'S ALL RIGHT!
NO ONE WATCHES CHILDISH PRANK SHOWS NOWADAYS!

YO!
IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU SAKURAKO-CHAN.

!

FOR THE TIME BEING, TO BRING OUT THE TRUTH --
WE HAVE A FEW SPECIALISTS GOING INTO THE UNEXPLORED RUINS...
SEE ?
LIKE THAT GUY!

NOGUCHI NOGUTA-SAN!
PUTTING HIS BODY ON THE LINE, THIS IS THE GREAT ADVENTURER...
VENTURING INTO RUINS AND MOUNTAIN RANGES ALL OVER THE WORLD ...

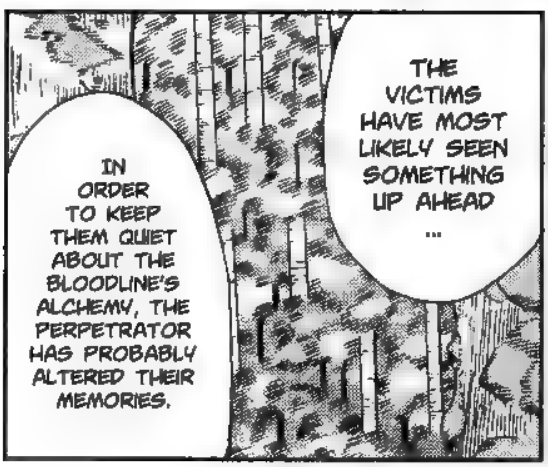
UM... I... I'VE NEVER HEARD THAT BEFORE.
WHAT I MEAN IS... WHAT IS "NOGU NOGU"?!
INCIDENTALLY, MY PARENTS GAVE ME MY NAME WITH THE IDEA OF GIVING ME A "NOGU NOGU CHILDHOOD."

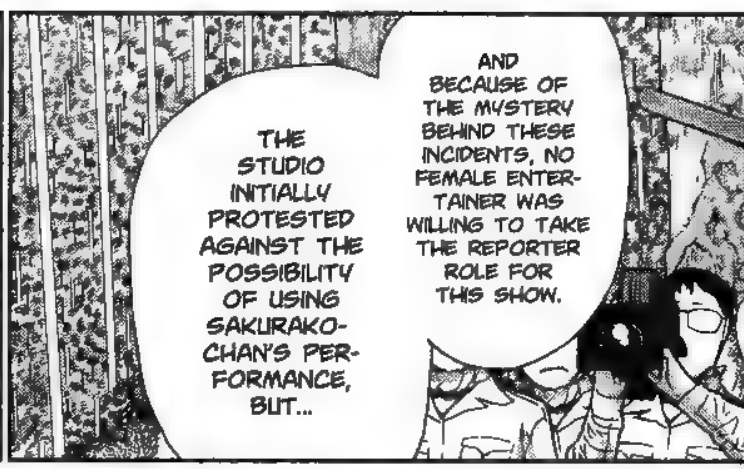
NO.
THIS SHOULD BE OUR FIRST MEETING ...
DIDN'T I MEET HIM SOMEWHERE RECENTLY ...?

WHAT THE HELL'S THIS?!
I AM HIROSHIE-MON!
(smooth voice)
HIRO-SHIE-MON.
AND THIS IS THE EXPLORATION SUPPORT ROBOT THAT NOGUCHI-SAN DEVELOP-ED—

...WHAT A STI-FLING SCENE.
YOU ALWAYS DEPEND ON ME LIKE THAT!
(smooth voice)
HA HA HA HA. NOGUTA-KUN.
IT'S TIME TO DEPART FOR AD-VENTURE !!
ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO, HIROSHIE-MON!

THIS ISLAND...
HAS RECENTLY SEEN A SURGE IN SIGHTSEEING CELEBRITIES WHILE ENTERTAINERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS HAVE BEEN DROPPING BY FOR SHOOTS...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
I'M FINE.
WHAT IS YOUR NAME?!
I'M FINE.
WHAT HAPPENED?!
D... DO YOU UNDERSTAND JAPANESE?!
I'M FINE.
COLLABORATION...
THEY'RE DISCOVERED WEARING A ONE-SHOULDER, CAVEMAN-LIKE OUTFIT.
WHEN ASKED WHAT HAPPENED, THEY CAN'T ANSWER WITH MORE THAN TWO OR THREE WORDS. THAT IS THE BASIS OF OUR CASE!
WHAT'S UP WITH THIS PITIFUL CASE?!
SCARY!!

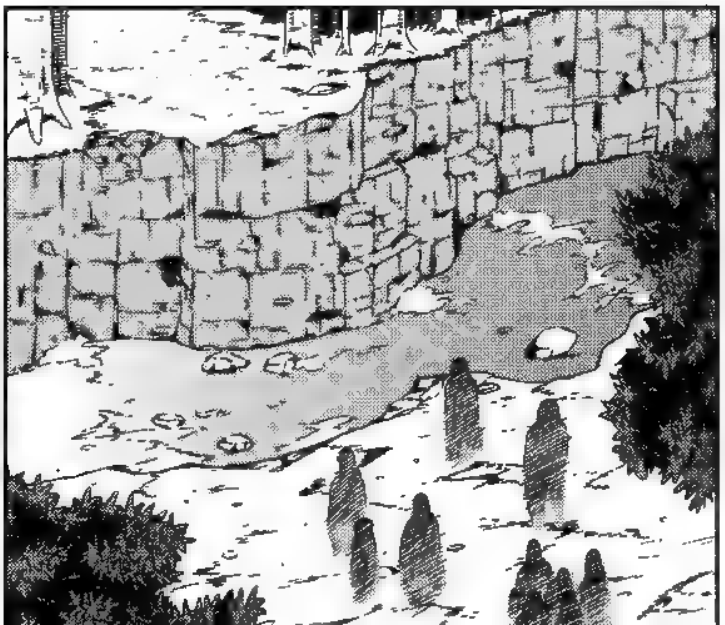

THE VICTIMS HAVE MOST LIKELY SEEN SOMETHING UP AHEAD...
IN ORDER TO KEEP THEM QUIET ABOUT THE BLOODLINE'S ALCHEMY, THE PERPETRATOR HAS PROBABLY ALTERED THEIR MEMORIES.


AND BECAUSE OF THE MYSTERY BEHIND THESE INCIDENTS, NO FEMALE ENTERTAINER WAS WILLING TO TAKE THE REPORTER ROLE FOR THIS SHOW.
THE STUDIO INITIALLY PROTESTED AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY OF USING SAKURAKO-CHAN'S PERFORMANCE, BUT...

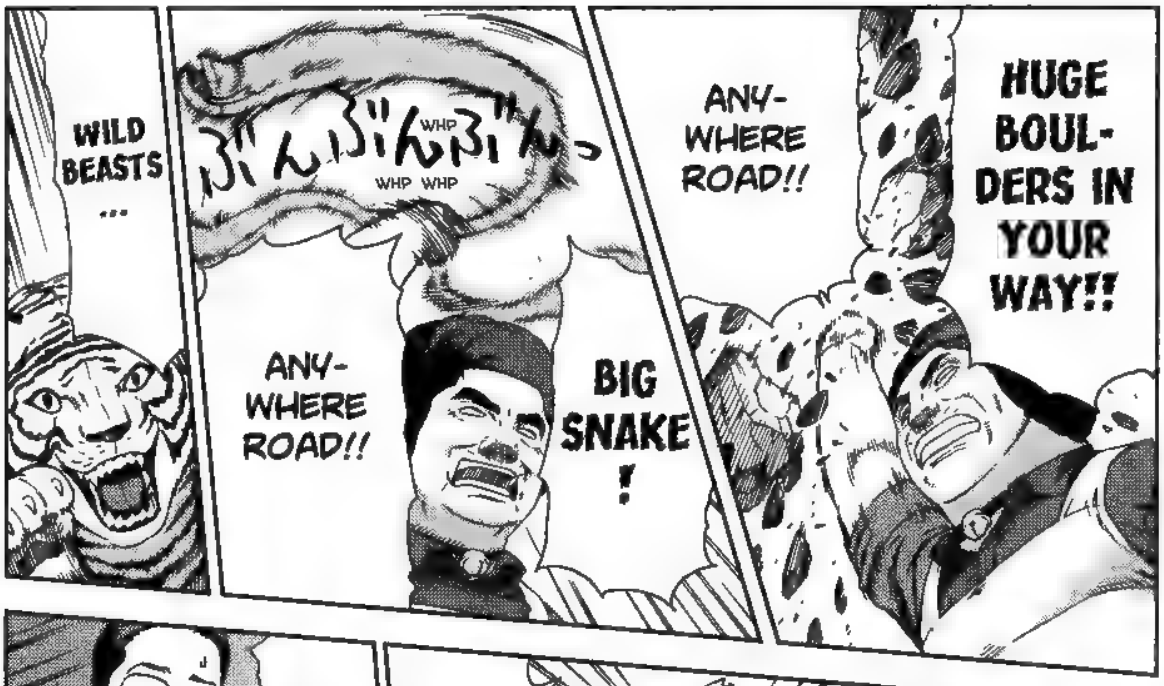
RENA-SAN...
JUST NOW, YOUR EYES WERE SAYING YOU'RE LYING, WEREN'T THEY?
WE MUST SOLVE THIS CASE... HOWEVER WE CAN!
I CAN'T FORGIVE THE CULPRIT OF SOME-THING THIS TERRIBLE !!

SO THAT'S YOUR MOTIVE !!
THERE MAY BE AN AMAZING TREASURE JUST AHEAD !!
...
...

THE RIVER IS TOO WIDE. WE CAN'T GO ON...



KER-THUNK
HIRO-SHIEMON IS AMAZ-ING!!
THOUGH IT'S MOSTLY A FEAT OF STRENGTH...
ANY-WHERE ROAD !!
HIRO-SHIE-MON!!


WILD BEASTS ...
WHP WHP WHP
ANY-WHERE ROAD!!
BIG SNAKE !
ANY-WHERE ROAD!!
HUGE BOUL-DERS IN YOUR WAY!!

WAI... THAT'S... A COS-TUME ?!
OUR PREPARA-TIONS ARE BEING RUINED...
THIS IS BAD!
GYAAAAH!!!
ANY-WHERE ROAD!!

TH...
THE SHOW...
...WHAT IS "ANYWHERE ROAD" ANYWAY?!
Y...
YOU THREW THE DIRECTOR!!
ぷ"
GYA AAAA AH!!
ANY-WHERE ROAD!!
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RUMBLE
HUMPH!
WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF HAVING THIS SHOW FOLLOW A PREARRANGED PROGRAM!
WE'VE COME HERE WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF BRINGING THIS ISLAND'S MYSTERIES TO LIGHT!
...THAT'S FINE BUT...
...I'M SORRY...
HIRO-SHIEMON WAS JUST PRESSING FORWARD TOWARD DIS-COVERING OUR GOAL...
IS THAT ALL RIGHT?
WE'RE DESTROYING THIS VIRGIN FOREST AS A RESULT...

I'VE DEVELOPED A "GREEN HIROSHIEMON" WITH CONCERN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT IN MIND...
BUT I DIDN'T FINISH IT IN TIME FOR THIS.
Green Color
GREEN HIRO-SHIEMON ?!
WHY GREEN?!
INSTEAD OF THAT, LOOK AT THIS!
?!
WE'VE FOUND IT!
THIS IS... A RUIN OF A LIVING SPACE LEFT BY THE "LEGEND-ARY AN-CIENTS"!
YES.
IN TRUTH, MY FAMILY HAS A LEGEND REGARD-ING THE ANCIENTS.
WE'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR THEM FOR GEN-ERATIONS.
N
LEFT BY THE ANCIENTS ?!
L...

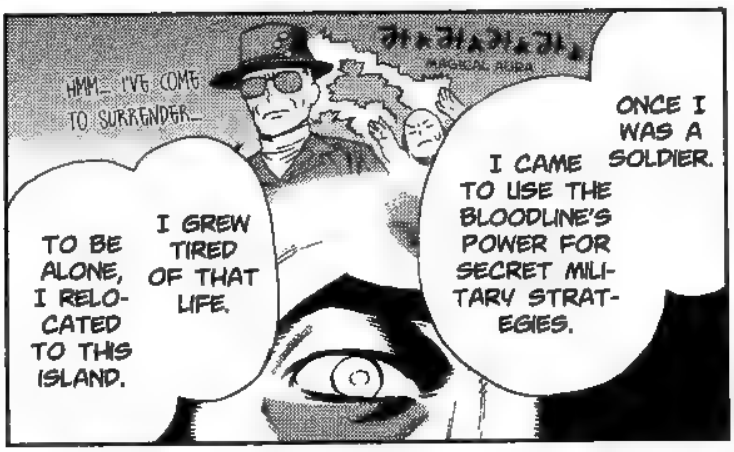
I'M FINE.
I'M FINE.
...
THAT IS WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING LATELY ...
THE "UNABLE TO REPLY WITH MORE THAN TWO OR THREE WORDS WHILE DRESSED IN CAVEMAN-LIKE CLOTHING" CASE!
I'VE SEARCHED ALL OVER THE WORLD.
TO FIND EVIDENCE, I'VE BECOME A MOUNTAIN CLIMBING ADVENTURER SO I CAN EXPLORE REMOTE WILDERNESSES.
THEN I SUDDENLY RECEIVED DEFINITIVE VERIFICATION.
THE ANCIENTS WERE ON THIS ISLAND!
I'm fine
I'm fine
I'm fine
PERHAPS THOSE GIRLS HAVE HAD THEIR MEMORIES TOUCHED BY THE ANCIENTS!
THIS IS THE ABSOLUTE PROOF THAT THE ANCIENTS ARE HERE !!
HIDDEN TREASURE?!
MAYBE JUST UP AHEAD...
LIES THE HIDDEN TREASURE OF THE ANCIENTS ...

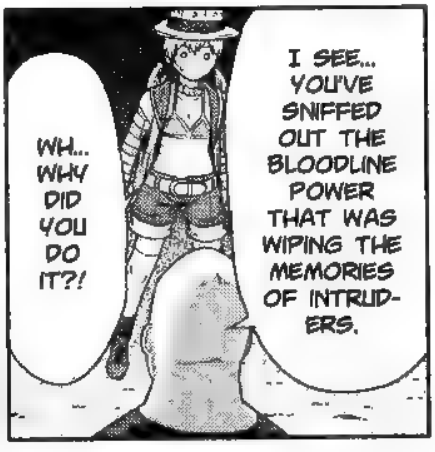
CHA-CHING
HA HA HA HA. IF I WASN'T AROUND, YOU COULDN'T DO ANYTHING.
(smooth voice)
LET'S GO, HIROSHIE-MON!
OH! YOU UNDER-STAND!
...
LET'S GO!!
WE'LL UN-RAVEL THE MYSTERIES OF THE ANCIENTS! ISN'T THAT THE MISSION IMPOSED ON HUMANITY? LET'S GO FOR THAT PUR-POSE!!

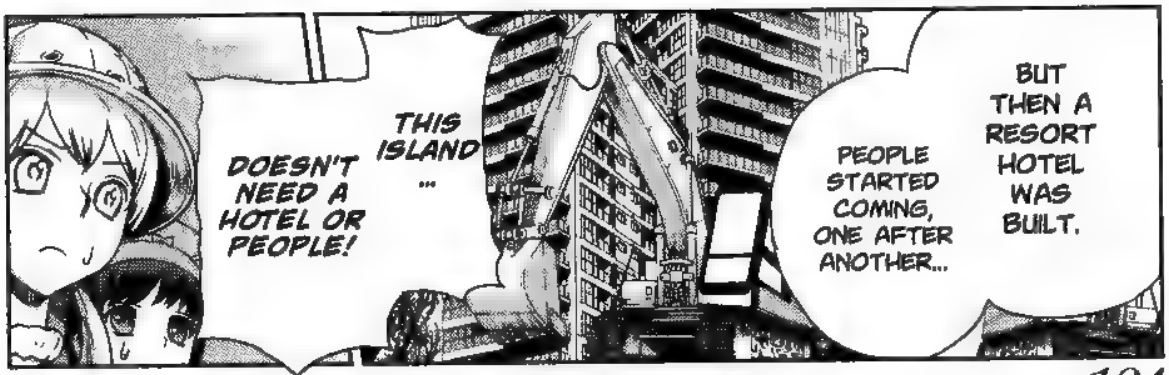
ALL OF THE TV STAFF PEOPLE ARE GONE...
WHY AM I STILL DRESSED LIKE THIS?
KEEP MOVING, AND STOP COMPLAINING ABOUT EVERY-THING, KEN-CHAN!!
..AND NOW WE'VE DISCOVERED THE PLACE THOUGHT TO BE WHERE THE ANCIENTS ONCE LIVED!
THAT WAS QUICK !!
JUST AHEAD ...
EVERY-THING WILL BECOME CLEAR...!

!?
WHAT IS THIS?!
B...
BIG DOLLS... A BUNCH OF THEM...
!!
WHO WISHES TO DISTURB MY QUIET LIFE-STYLE?!

IS HE THE CULPRIT OF THIS CASE?!
WHO IS THIS GEEZER ?!
DAA-DUM
YOU...WOULD YOU HAPPEN TO BE FROM THE "BROCK-EN BLOOD-LINE"?!


HMM... I'VE COME TO SURRENDER...
MAGICAL AURA
I GREW TIRED OF THAT LIFE.
TO BE ALONE, I RELO-CATED TO THIS ISLAND.
I CAME TO USE THE BLOODLINE'S POWER FOR SECRET MILI-TARY STRAT-EGIES.
ONCE I WAS A SOLDIER.


I SEE... YOU'VE SNIFFED OUT THE BLOODLINE POWER THAT WAS WIPING THE MEMORIES OF INTRUD-ERS.
WH... WHY DID YOU DO IT?!


BUT THEN A RESORT HOTEL WAS BUILT.
PEOPLE STARTED COMING, ONE AFTER ANOTHER...
THIS ISLAND ...
DOESN'T NEED A HOTEL OR PEOPLE!

ALL IT NEEDS IS INTERNET AND FIGURES !!
...YOU'RE JUST A HIKIKO-MORI— A SHUT IN!!
BUT NOW ...
I UNDER-STAND THAT I MUST RE-FRESH MY WAY OF THINKING.
YOU!
?!
IF I HAD A FIGURE AS CUTE AS YOU...
...I WOULD GIVE YOU SPECIAL PERMISSION TO LIVE HERE.

NO OOO OOO OOO OO!!
KER-SMASH

GAME OVER
HFF
HFF
In the end...
"The case of celebrities and entertainers wearing caveman-esque, one-shoulder clothes and only responding with two or three words" was resolved.
GUSH
FLAP
I DON'T NEED THIS ANY-MORE!
...
LET'S GO HOME!
THIS IS IDIOTIC!

?!
IN THE END THE ANCIENTS WEREN'T HERE..
OH... TO THINK...
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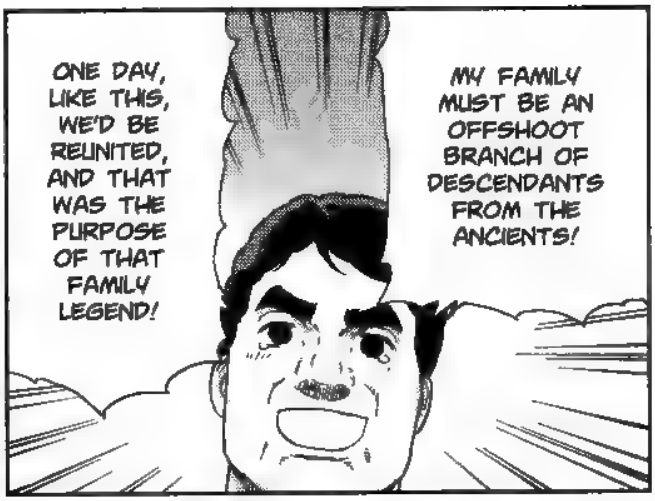
TAA-DAA
わらわらわら
わらわらわら
THAT'S IT!!
TH... THESE PEOPLE...

TO WHERE I SHOULD RETURN!!
TAKE ME!


ONE DAY, LIKE THIS, WE'D BE REUNITED, AND THAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF THAT FAMILY LEGEND!
MY FAMILY MUST BE AN OFFSHOOT BRANCH OF DESCENDANTS FROM THE ANCIENTS!

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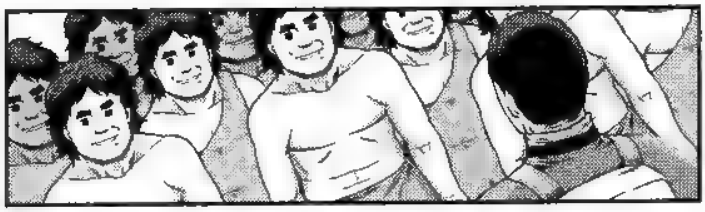
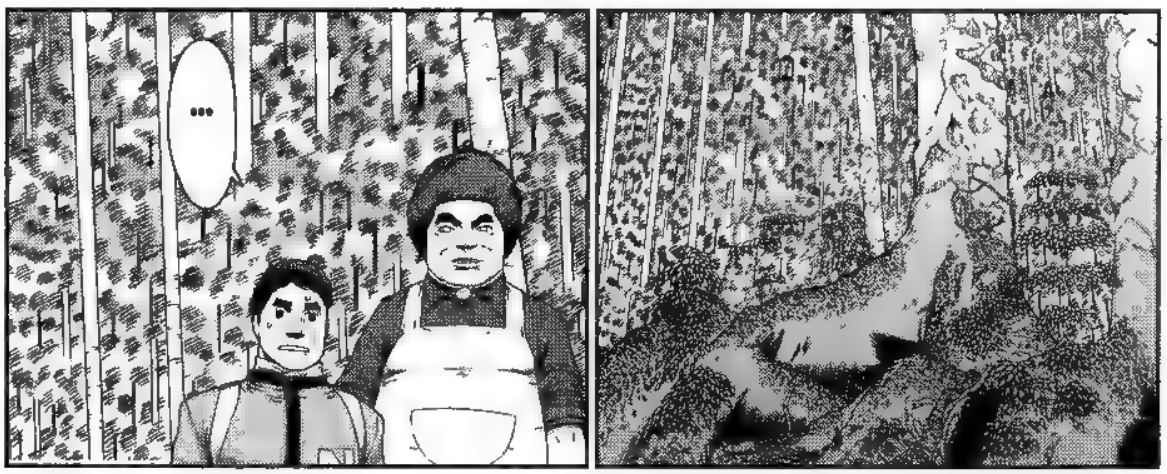
WHUP WHUP WHUP
?!



CELEBRITIES REALLY SHOULD VACATION IN THE SOUTHERN ISLANDS INSTEAD OF FORECASTING THE WEATHER, EH?!
HEY, GRAMPS!
LAND ME OVER THERE. I'D LIKE TO TAKE A WALK IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WOODS...

S...
WHAT'S UP WITH THESE PEOPLE!
WAI... HOLD ON A MINUTE!
STOP IT!!
GRAB
?!
PUT ME DOWN!!


...

HISHI-HARA-KUN HAS GONE MISSING WHILE ON VACATION ...
IS THAT ALL RIGHT?
KAEDE'S MAGICAL WEATHER FORE-CAST!!
...
I DON'T CARE.
!
A MAN WANDERING IN THE FOREST OF A SOUTHERN ISLAND WAS DISCOVERED AND TAKEN TO A CARE FACILITY.
UH... THIS JUST IN...
SPURT
HE APPEARS TO BE A JAPANESE MAN WHO HAS LOST THE ABILITY TO SPEAK.
UHO.
UHOOO.

Chapter 5/Fin

Chapter 6

SIGN: Police station

RENA-SAN, THIS CAN'T MEAN...
YOU OVERDID ALL THIS WORKING IN THE BACK-GROUND NON-SENSE, AND THE POLICE HAVE SUBPOE-NAED YOU?!
KEN-CHAN...
JUST WHAT KIND OF PERSON DO YOU THINK I AM?

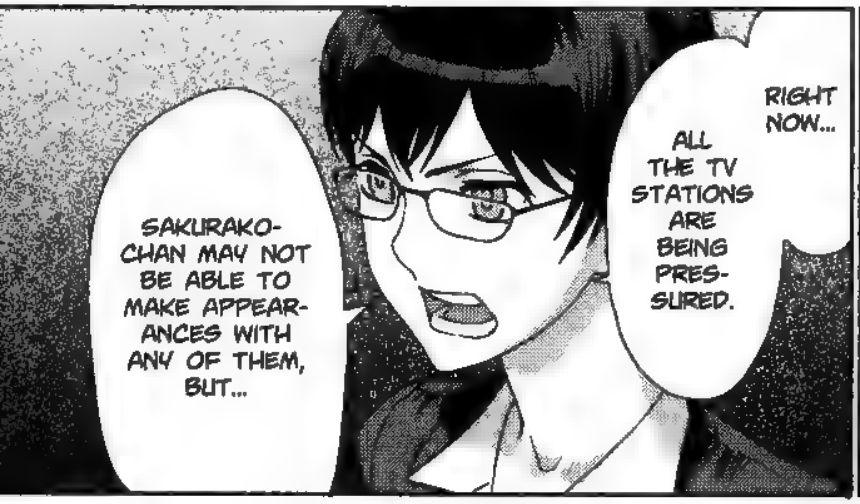
Chapter 6
THANK YOU FOR COMING TO OUR LIVE PERFORMANCE TODAY!!
A... AN IDOL?
WHY IS THERE A LIVE IDOL EVENT AT A POLICE STATION ?!
FOR OUR FANS TODAY ...
..WE'VE GOT A SURPRISE FOR YOU!
At times, there is a female middle school idol named Neuschwanstein Sakurako.
At other times, there is a mysterious, beautiful girl named Christine Kouda.
But the truth is...
they are both a male high school student of the "Brocken bloodline" who fights evil alchemists—
Shurutsu Kenichi!!

TAA-DAA
OUR SECRET IS, NEUSCHWANSTEIN SAKURAKO-CHAN...
WILL BE JOINING US AS ONE OF OUR MEMBERS!!
OOOO OOOO OOH!!
WHAAAA?!

THERE YOU HAVE IT! FROM NOW ON, SAKURAKO-CHAN WILL BE ACTING AS A MEMBER OF...
...THE IDOL GROUP "KGB48"!
WHAT THE HELL KIND OF GROUP NAME IS THAT?!
IN ORDER TO BUILD A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN REGULAR PEOPLE AND THE POLICE...
THE PEOPLE AT POLICE HQ HAVE CREATED A 48-MEMBER IDOL GROUP.

KEISHICHO GIRLS BATTALION
KGB48
THAT'S THE "KEISHICHO GIRLS BATTALION"!
KGB48 FOR SHORT!!
(keishichou = police headquarters)
FROM THE NAME, IT REALLY FEELS LIKE COERCION. I HAVE ZERO MOTIVATION TO GET ANY CLOSER...
...AND "KEISHICHOU" ISN'T TRANSLATED TO ENGLISH

OH!
WE'RE SO HONORED TO HAVE SAKURAKO-CHAN AS A MEMBER!
KGB48 OCCASIONALLY HAS A VACANCY IN THEIR MEMBERSHIP.
THIS PRODUCER RECOMMENDED SAKURAKO-CHAN AS A NEW MEMBER!


RIGHT NOW...
ALL THE TV STATIONS ARE BEING PRESSURED.
SAKURAKO-CHAN MAY NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE APPEARANCES WITH ANY OF THEM, BUT...

SAKURAKO-CHAN IS A TALENT WE CAN'T LET END BECAUSE OF SUCH SCANDALS!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, SAKURAKO-CHAN?
...I'D BE FINE IF IT DID END.
URG...
MUMBLE MUMBLE

YOU'RE KINDA GETTING SCARY WITH HOW FAR YOU'LL GO!!
ゴゴ
RUMBLE RUMBLE
WHOEVER OUR OPPONENT IS WON'T BE ABLE TO SAY SOMETHING NEGATIVE SO EASILY HERE!
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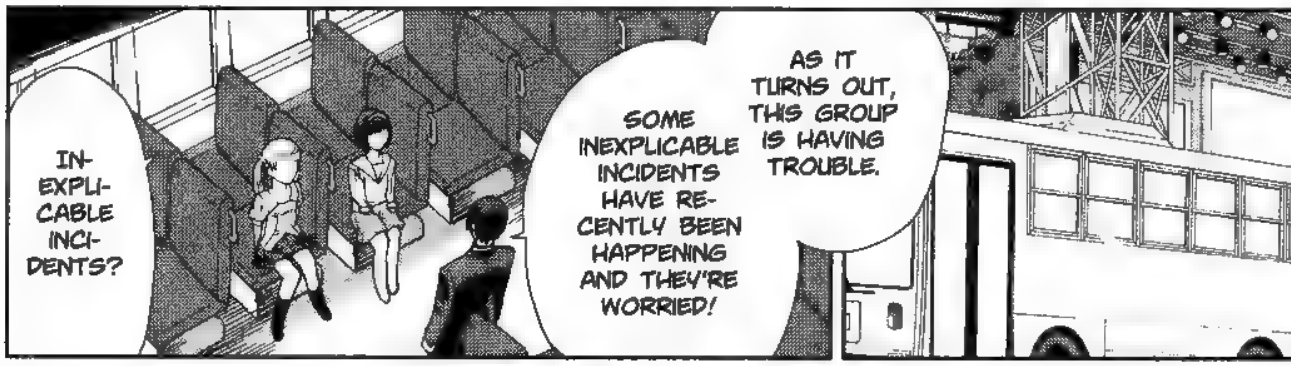
"KGB48" IS BACKED BY THE POLICE!


IN-EXPLICABLE INCIDENTS?
SOME INEXPLICABLE INCIDENTS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN HAPPENING AND THEY'RE WORRIED!
AS IT TURNS OUT, THIS GROUP IS HAVING TROUBLE.

THERE'S NO HINT OF WHAT THE CULPRIT'S AIM MIGHT BE!!
COULD THAT BE THE MASS MEDI-?
MEMBERS ARE BEING STALKED BY SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE WHO SEEM TO BE WEARING NOTHING BUT GUN BELTS.
AND JUST BEFORE LIVE PERFORMANCES, ALL THE MEMBERS' COSTUMES HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY FULL-BODY SUITS OF SOME STRANGE, NAKED CREATURE THAT WEARS A GUN BELT.

KEN-CHAN, YOU MUST SHOW OFF YOUR CUTE-NESS AS A MEMBER OF "KG848."
THEN YOU WILL GAIN A FOOT-HOLD AS "NEUSCHWAN-STEIN SAKURAKO."
FINALLY, SEARCH FOR CLUES ABOUT THE CASE!
THAT'S A LOT TO DO!
ANY-WAY!!
LIKE I SAID, WHAT ABOUT THE MASS M-?
IF WE EARN SOME FAVORS FROM PEOPLE CONNECTED TO THE POLICE...
...WE'LL GAIN THEIR COOPERATION IN CLEARING AWAY SAKURA-KO-CHAN'S FAKE SCANDAL AND FINDING THE CULPRIT!
PREPARE YOUR HEART, KEN-CHAN!!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
...
INCIDENTALLY, A SUPER-POPULAR ENTERTAINER IS ACTING AS POLICE CHIEF FOR THE DAY.
SO THERE'S A HIGH PROB-ABILITY THE ENEMY MAY TRY SOME-THING!
POLICE CHIEF FOR THE DAY?
WHO IS...?

TODAY'S POLICE CHIEF FOR THE DAY IS SUPER-POPULAR WEATHER FORECASTER HOHENZOLLERN KAEDE-CHAN!
YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT ME?!
一日署長
WELL!
FOR THE INVESTIGATION THIS TIME, I BOOKED KAEDE-CHAN FOR "POLICE CHIEF FOR THE DAY."
AFTER THAT, THE OFFER FOR SAKURAKO-CHAN TO JOIN CAME, SO...
PICK ONE!!
HOW CAN I DO BOTH DISGUISES AT THE SAME TIME?!

* Her sash reads, "Police chief for the day."

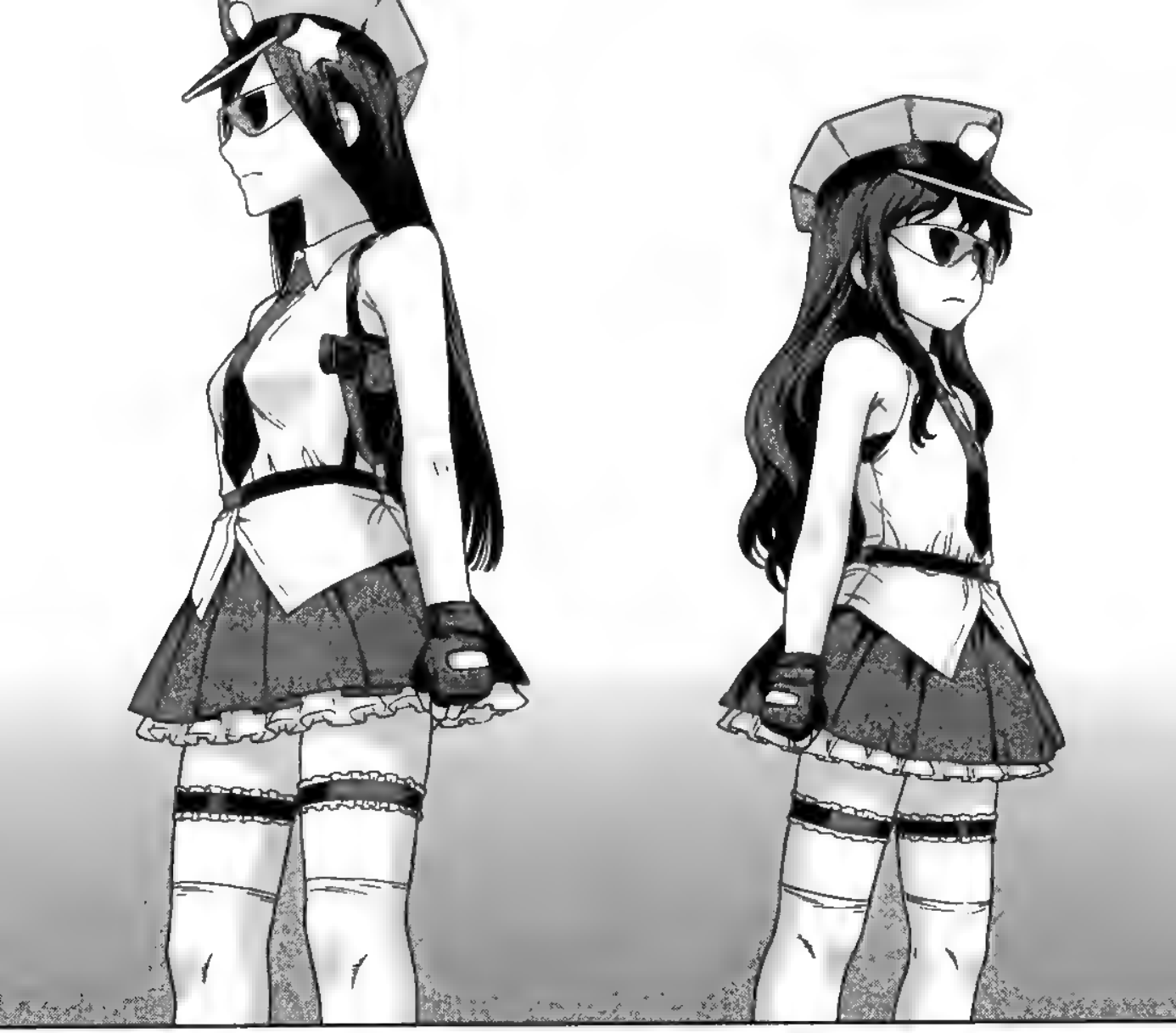
SAKU-RAKO-CHAN!
HMM? WHERE IS...?
SAKU-RAKO-CHAN! IT'S YOUR TIME!
!!
COME NOW, HURRY! YOU'RE APPEARING NEXT FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A MEMBER OF KGB48!
THE SUPER-INTENDENT GENERAL OF THE METRO-POLITAN POLICE HAS COME TO SEE THE VIPS!
DO YOUR BEST, KEN-CHAN!!
AH, THERE YOU ARE, SAKURAKO-CHAN!
BRING SAKURAKO-CHAN TO HER NEXT COSTUME!
OKAY!

URG !!
SAKURAKO-CHAN, HERE'S YOUR COS-TUME!
I'LL HELP YOU PUT IT ON!

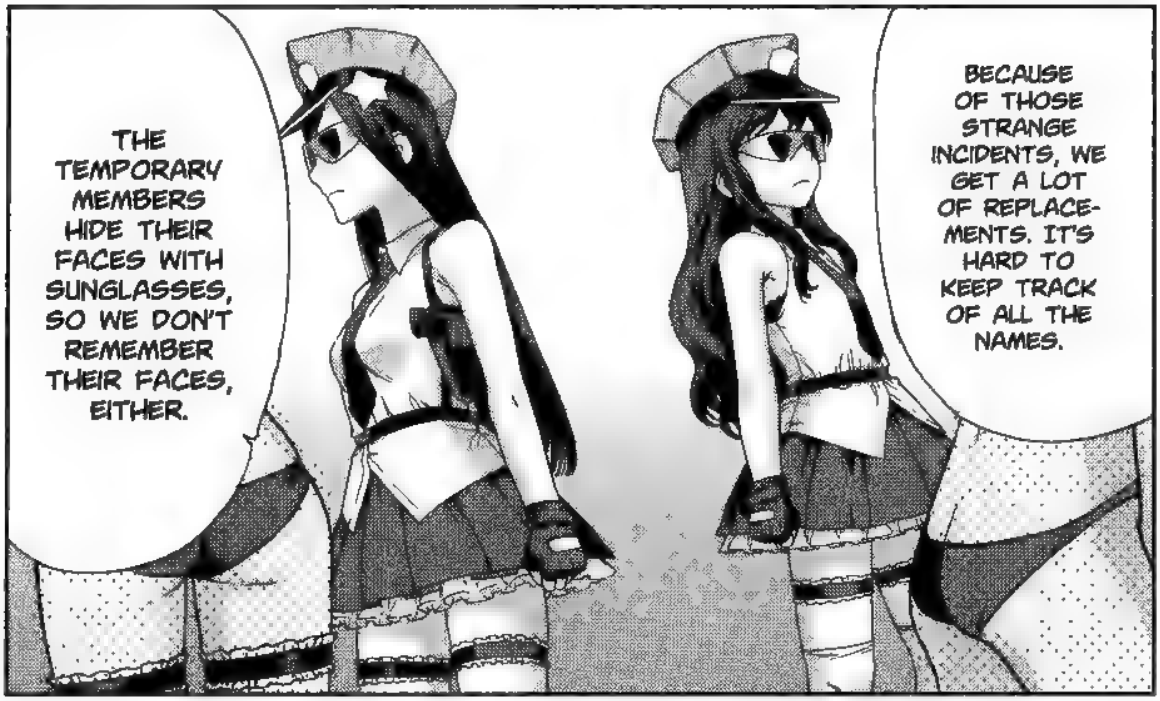
I'M SORRY! I'M SORRY! I'M SORRY!!
SAKURAKO-CHAN, IT LOOKS GOOD!

SO FAST!
THOSE TWO ARE ALREADY FINISHED CHANG-ING.

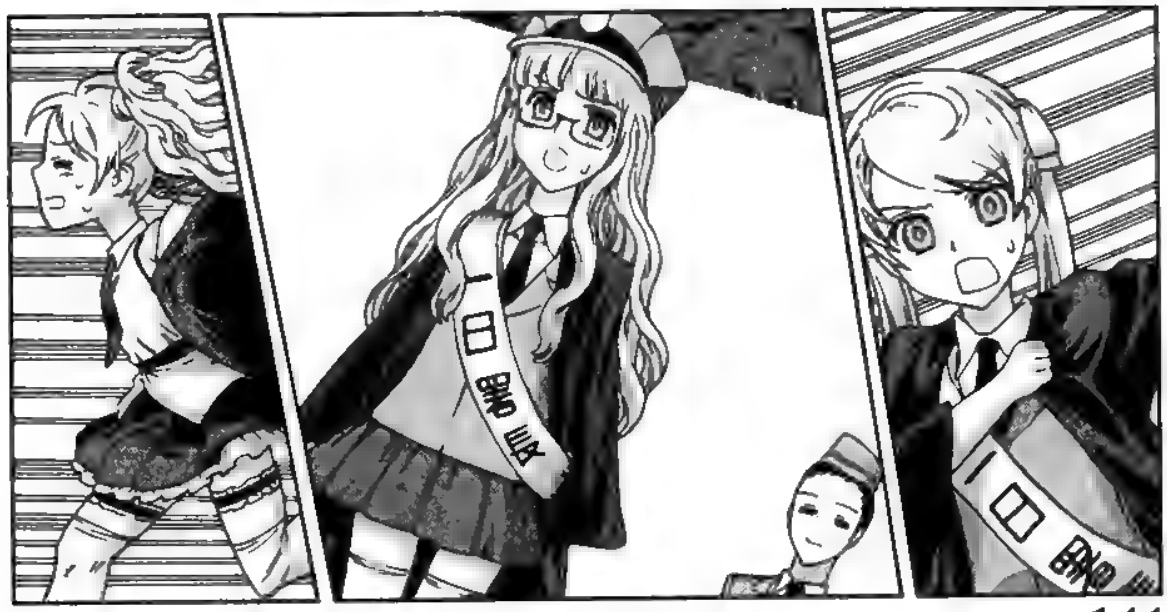
?
AH... THEM AGAIN.



WHO ARE THOSE TWO?
WE DON'T KNOW THEM WELL.
IT SEEMS LIKE THEY JOINED TEMPORARILY SOME-TIME LAST WEEK.


BECAUSE OF THOSE STRANGE INCIDENTS, WE GET A LOT OF REPLACE-MENTS. IT'S HARD TO KEEP TRACK OF ALL THE NAMES.
THE TEMPORARY MEMBERS HIDE THEIR FACES WITH SUNGLASSES, SO WE DON'T REMEMBER THEIR FACES, EITHER.

THEY DON'T SEEM LIKE THEY KNOW EACH OTHER, BUT...
...THEY'RE ALWAYS FINISHED DRESSING QUICKLY, AND THEY'RE ALWAYS FACING AWAY FROM EACH OTHER.
COULD THOSE TWO BE?!
THE SHOW'S ABOUT TO START!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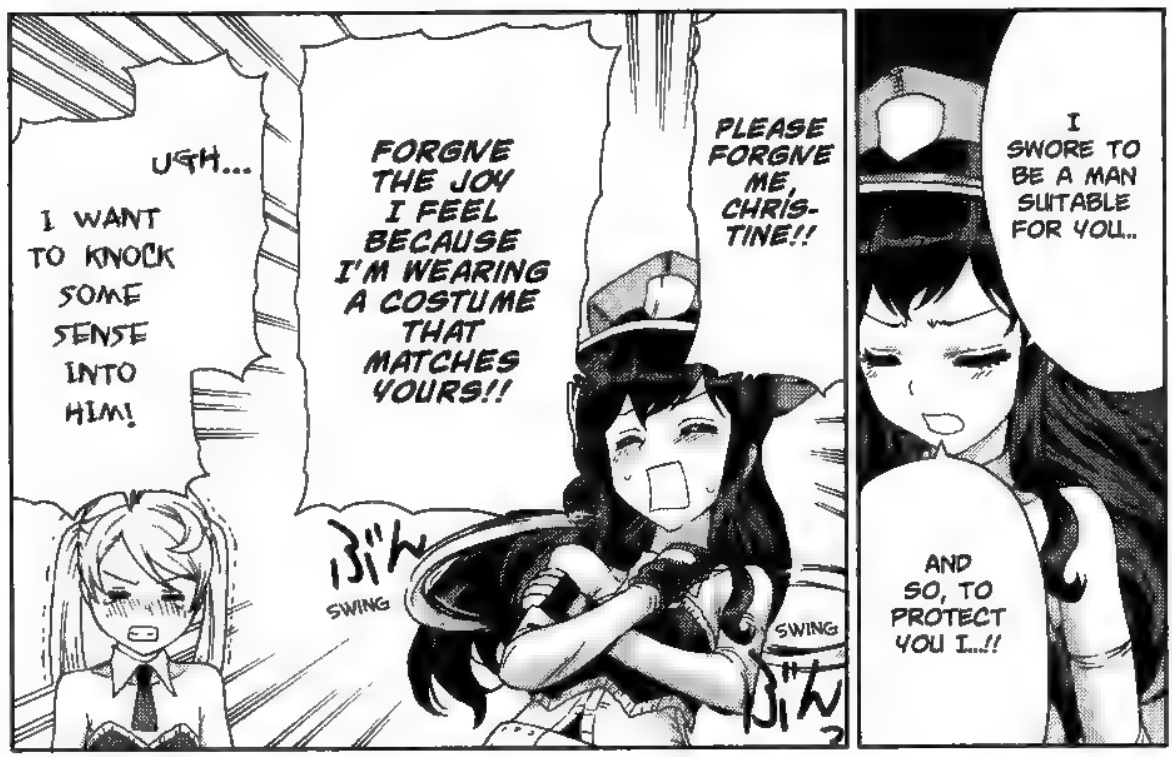
DON'T ASK FOR THE IMPOS-SIBLE !!
FLUSHED
SO?
HAVE YOU FOUND ANY CLUES?
GASP
PANT
GASP
PANT
OF COURSE I HAVEN'T!
NOT LIKE THIS...
GASP
GASP
HOW CAN I IN-VESTIGATE WHEN I HAVE TO BE TWO PEOPLE?!
UNLESS THE CULPRIT SUDDENLY DECIDES TO MAKE AN AP-PEARANCE IN THE OPEN-
SEE?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "SEE"?!
SOMEONE FROM THE AUDIENCE IS TRANSFORMING INTO SOMETHING NAKED WEARING A GUN BELT AND HEADING FOR THE STAGE!!
KA-BOOM
UWAAAAH?!

TAP TAP
IT...
IT'S COMING THIS WAY!!
KENICHI-SAN! TRANS-FORM! THE ENEMY...
GOT IT!
BUT... I'VE BEEN CHANGING CLOTHES SO MUCH... WHERE'S MY TRANSFORMA-TION RIBBON?
KSP-THWACK!
GUAAAA ?!
WISH
?!
I MEAN ... CHRIS-TINE.
!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, HASN'T IT, KEN-CHAN?

YOU ...!!
FUKANO TOSHIO-KUN...?!
YEAH.
I WAS NOTIFIED YOU WERE ENTERING "KGB48"...
...SO I JOINED AS A TEM-PORARY MEMBER.


UGH...
I WANT TO KNOCK SOME SENSE INTO HIM!
FORGIVE THE JOY I FEEL BECAUSE I'M WEARING A COSTUME THAT MATCHES YOURS!!
PLEASE FORGIVE ME, CHRIS-TINE!!
SWING
SWING
I SWORE TO BE A MAN SUITABLE FOR YOU..
AND SO, TO PROTECT YOU I...!!

!
SINCE IT'S COME TO THIS, I'LL HAVE EVERYONE HERE TRANS-FORM...
...DAMN.
AN INTER-LOPER!
OH NO!
I MUST RUN A-
DASH
KEH!!
IT'S THE CUL-PRIT!!
OVER THERE IS A SUS-PICIOUS MAN!!
THUD
WAAA !!
GUWAAAAA!
KER-THWACK
!!!

KENICHI-SAN, ISN'T THAT ...?!
HA... HANYUU GEN-TAROU-SAN?!
IT'S BEEN SO LONG, CHRISTINE!
ACTUALLY, I WAS NOTIFIED YOU WERE ENTERING "KGB48"...
WHY IS EVERY-ONE CROSS-DRESS-ING TO INFIL-TRATE?! THINK OF SOME OTHER WAY TO DO IT!!

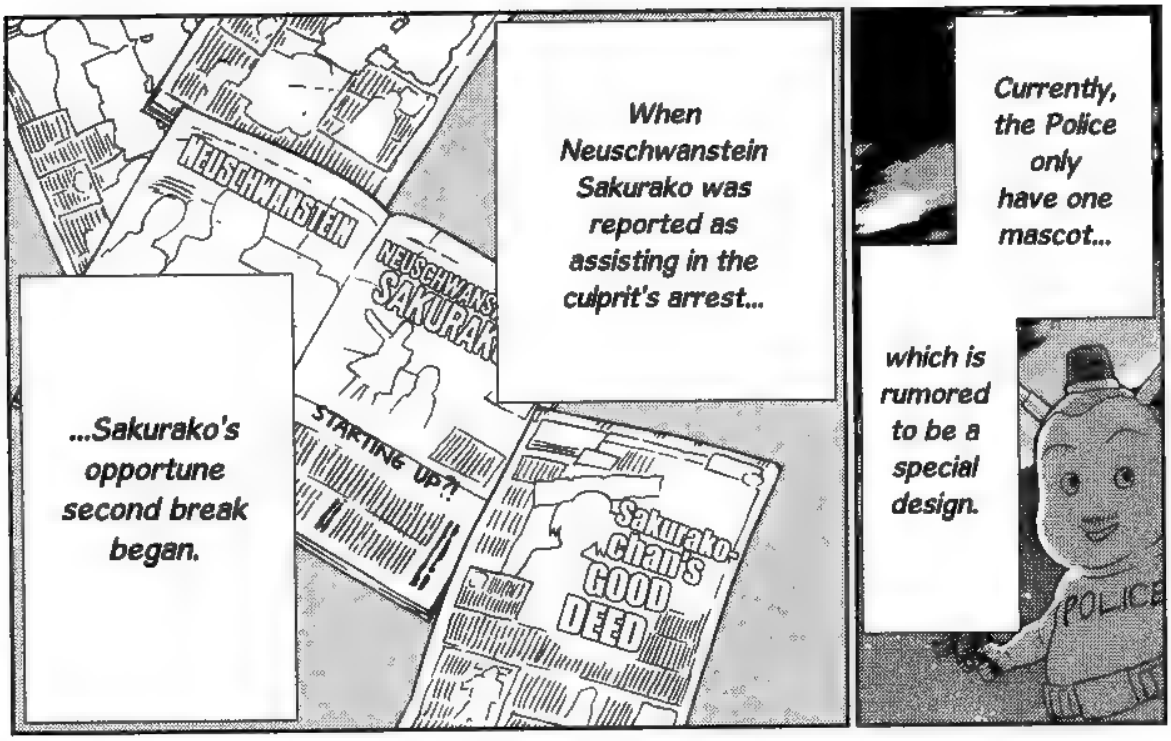
THE CULPRIT HAS BEEN CAUGHT YOU SAY?!
AND IT'S THAT MAN ?!
EEH ?!
YOU ARE...
SUPER-INTEN-DENT GEN-ERAL OF THE METRO-POLITAN POLICE ?!

I...
GRR...
WHY WOULD YOU DO SUCH A THING ...?!
WHY ...?!
CAN YOU BECOME A SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE FOLLOWING A ROUTE LIKE THAT?!
POLICE
SO ...!!
BUT THE MEMBERS OF HQ UNANIMOUSLY REJECTED THEM, USING EXCUSES LIKE "IT'S NOT CUTE" OR "IT'S KIND OF CREEPY"!
BUT I REALLY WANTED TO CREATE A MASCOT OF MY OWN DESIGN.
I STARTED MY CAREER AS "THE PERSON INSIDE THE MASCOT" AND ROSE TO THE RANK OF SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE...
SOB えぐっ
SOB えぐっ
AND THEN THEY STARTED THIS IDOL PROJECT!

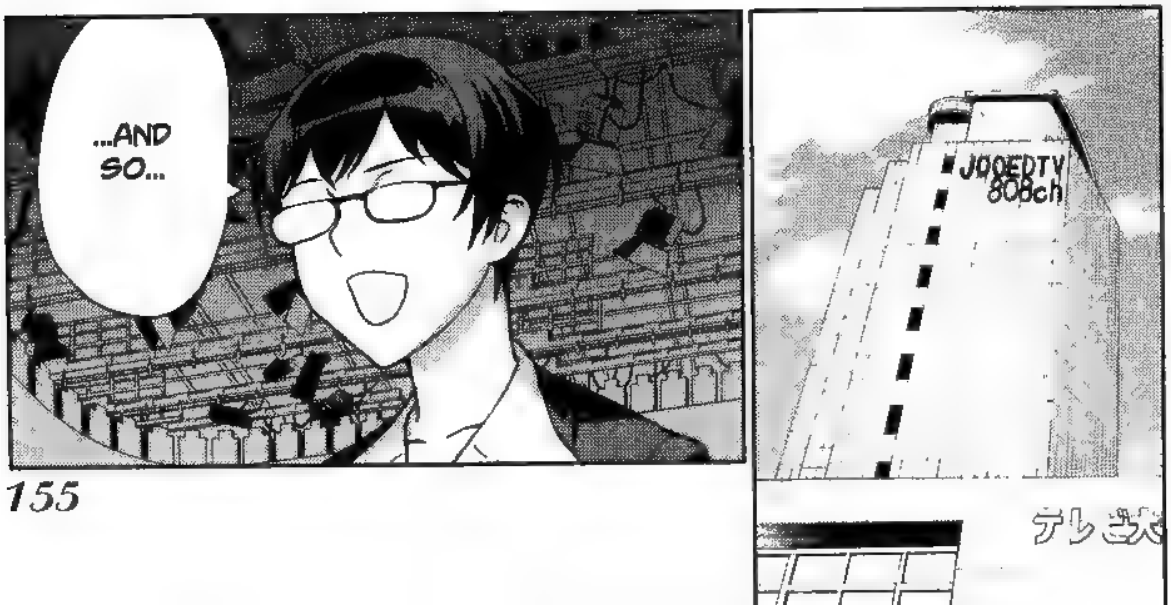
UH... THAT'S NOT A PRETTY STORY AT ALL.
SUCH A PATHETIC NATURE CAUSED THIS INCIDENT...
ONCE A MAN IN A MASCOT, GATHERING POPULARITY...
SUPERINTENDENT...
I WAS JEALOUS OF THEIR POPULARITY!!
IT WAS TORTUROUS!!
WHAT'S WITH THIS STRANGE ATMOSPHERE?
...?
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
UWAH?!
I HAVE NO NEED TO ANSWER YOU!
WHAT KIND OF ACQUAINTANCE ARE YOU TO CHRISTINE?

CROSS-DRESSING AS AN IDOL TO GET CLOSER TO CHRISTINE?!
AREN'T YOU EMBARRASSED, AS A GUY?!
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU SHOULD BE SAYING THAT!!
STOP IT!!
THEY'RE FIGHTING!
THE BOTH OF YOU SHOULD BE EQUALLY EMBARRASSED!!
I'M A GUY, TOO!!
THIS IS CROSS-DRESSING!!!
...
I MEAN... HURRY UP AND FIGURE IT OUT!
GRIND

...
I WISH THE WORLD WOULD JUST END!!
OHHHH!! SUCH A GOOD GIRL!!
CHRISTINE, THAT'S SUCH A CUTE LIE TO STOP OUR FIGHT!!
In the end...
"The case of the strange (omitted) naked except for a gun belt" was resolved.
The Superintendent General of the Metropolitan Police, who caused the incident...
fell back into the role of being "the person inside the mascot."


When Neuschwanstein Sakurako was reported as assisting in the culprit's arrest...
...Sakurako's opportune second break began.
NEUSCHWANSTEIN
SAKURAKO
STARTING UP?!
Sakurako-chan's GOOD DEED
Currently, the Police only have one mascot...
which is rumored to be a special design.
POLICE

SIGN: TV Ohedo



...YOU'RE DEBUTING AS A THREE-PERSON UNIT OF "KGB48"!
WHAT THE HELL IS UP WITH THIS ?!

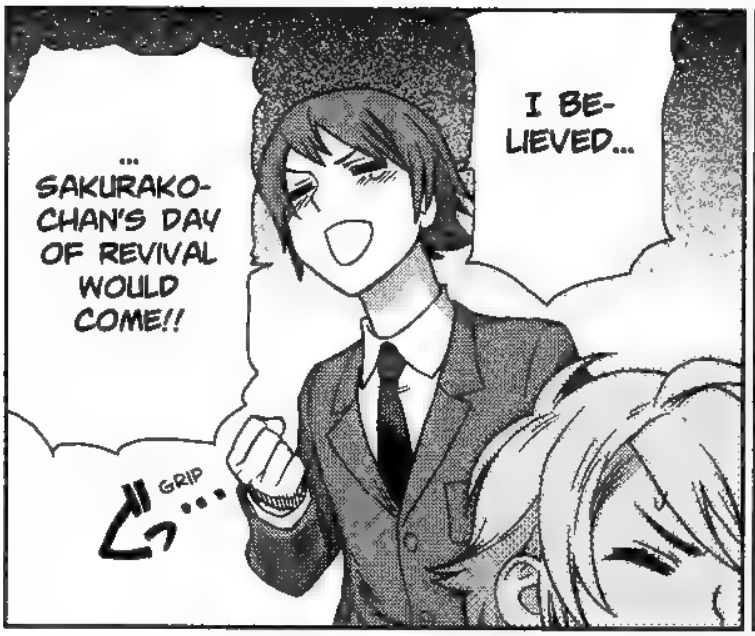
DO YOUR BEST, KEN-CHAN!
CHRISTINE, I... I...!!
BEING ABLE TO PROTECT YOU FROM SO CLOSE IS AN HONOR, CHRISTINE.

Chapter 7

LET'S TAKE A LOOK! THIS IS THE IDOL UNIT THAT RECENTLY HAD ITS BIG DEBUT...
"KASH-MASH'S" LIVE SHOW!
(Kashimashi means a noisy clamor and is based on an old saying: "three women together make a noisy clamor.")
LOOK AT ALL THE FANS!!
NEU-SCHWANSTEIN SAKURAKO-CHAN, WHO COULDN'T DEBUT BECAUSE OF SCANDALS...
...LOOKS LIKE SHE CAN RE-COVER HER POPULARITY WITH THIS UNIT!!

Chapter 7
TAA-DAA!
LOOK !!
KASHIMASH
FIRST MINI LIVE!

* The tassels read, "sky" or "heaven."



WHICH ONE OF US IS RIGHT, DO YOU THINK?!
YOU DON'T SEEM TO CARE MUCH ABOUT IDOLS, BUT...
DON'T ASK ME!!
SHU-RUTSU!
びくっ
URK
WH... WHAT?!
"Neu-schwanstein Sakurako" is part of the three-person idol unit...
"Kash-Mash."
In truth, they are...
...all of them boys, but those who know that are very few.
ALL RIGHT!
WE'RE APPEARING IN A MUSIC SHOW TO PUSH FOR THE SUCCESS OF YOUR DEBUT SONG!

JCS
WE ARE HERE...
THANKS TO THIS STATION'S PRIDE IN BROAD-CASTING LIVE PER-FORMANCES OF EVERY POPULAR SONG GROUP!
WITH THE GROUP'S POPULARITY, THEY COULDN'T REFUSE US OUT-RIGHT!
OUT OF ALL THE TV STUDIOS, THIS ONE REJECTED SAKURAKO-CHAN'S APPEARANCES THE STRON-GEST, BUT...

EH... UM...
SO, IS THERE SOME KIND OF CONNECTION TO THE BROCKEN BLOOD-LINE?

...
I GUESS IT'S A DIFFERENT STORY WHEN THE POLICE BACK YOU...

KYAAAAH!!
ISN'T THAT JUST AN URBAN LEGEND ?!
THERE'S A RUMOR AT THIS STATION THAT, IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, A GIRL ALL DRESSED IN WHITE WANDERS THE BUILDING...

YOUR DEBUT, DOUBLE A-SIDE SINGLE ...
"A FEELING LIKE AN ANGEL DESCENDED — ENEMY BASE FRIENDLY ~WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD~" IS SWIFTLY RISING ON THE CHARTS!
JUST ONE MORE PUSH!
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT NAME? LIKE AN ACTOR WHO CAN'T SELL...
IT MIGHT GET ANNOYING, MIXING ENGLISH VOCABULARY INTO EVERY TITLE...

FINALLY, WE CAN SEE SAKURAKO-CHAN'S REVIVAL!
GEN-CHAN, TOSHIO-KUN, PLEASE DO YOUR BEST!
OKAY!

THE BEST HIT MAKERS HAVE ALWAYS MET PRESSURE FROM SOMEONE, HAVING THEIR SONGS REJECTED.
AT THAT HOT SPRING INN, THERE WAS A ONCE FIRST-RATE MUSICIAN.
HE MET FORMER PRIME MINISTER HANIHO, WHO HAS AWAKENED AS A SONGWRITER OF SOME TALENT. NOW WE'RE ENLISTING HIS HELP!
TEARING UP
IT'S BEEN SO LONG...

ALL RIGHT!
IT'S ALMOST TIME TO APPEAR!
CHANGE INTO YOUR COSTUMES!
YOU GUYS...
BEING MADE TO DRESS UP AS IDOLS LIKE THIS...
AREN'T YOU EMBARRASSED?!
?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING NOW, CHRIS...?

COMPARED TO MY BATTLE COSTUME...
THIS DOESN'T EVEN COME CLOSE TO EMBAR-RASSING.
I'M SO SORRY.
?
IT WAS STUPID OF ME TO ASK.

TO WEAR CLOTHES THAT MATCH CHRIS'S... IT'S...
IT'S ...!!
YOU SHUT UP!

KASH-MASH-SAN, YOU'RE ON STANDBY!
!!
WHAT'S WRONG?
TOSHIO-KUN...
?

IT SLIPPED!
?
SPRAY
WHAT DO I DO...?
IT'S UNCOM-FORT-ABLE...
AWKWARD だら
AWKWARD だら
MOVING AROUND DURING THE SONG...
IT'LL BE REALLY HARD!!
COME HERE A SEC!
WHISPER
I ALWAYS KEEP IT HERE...
BUT KEEPING IT THERE IS...
OH! WOW!
...

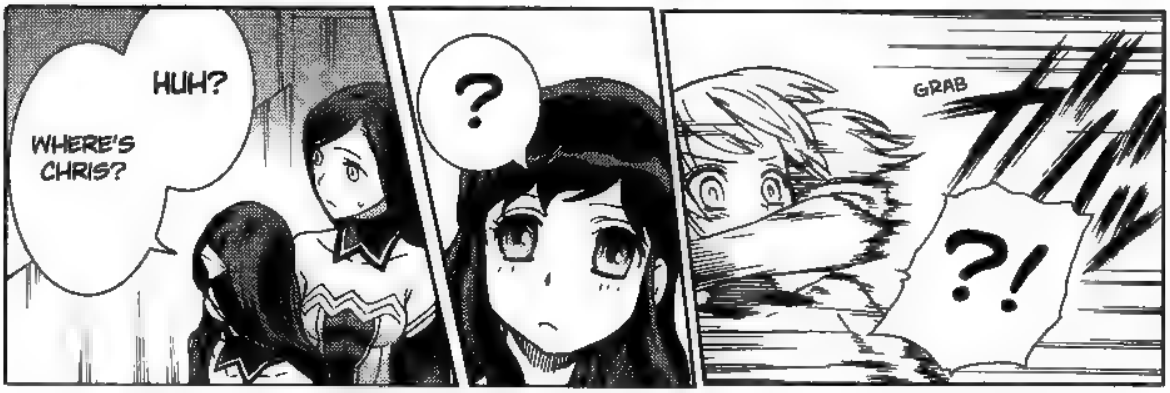
Y...
YOU TWO!
!
THAT'S JUST A BIT STRANGE...
HEH HEH... I'VE BEEN CROSS-DRESSING FOR YEARS NOW, SO I THOUGHT...
GEN-TAROU-SAN, YOU'RE AMAZ-ING!
I DON'T NEED THAT KIND OF MALE BOND-ING!!
BUT LET KEN... I MEAN CHRIS IN AS WELL!
I DON'T GET WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT AT ALL...
SEE?
LOOK THERE!
BY CREATING AND SENDING IN A SIMILAR IDOL GROUP TO STEAL YOUR SUCCESS!
ACTU-ALLY, THEY MAY TRY TO DE-STROY "KASH-MASH"...
IT'S POSSIBLE SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T WANT SAKURAKO-CHAN TO REVIVE HER CAREER MAY TRY SOME-THING.
PAY ATTEN-TION!

THEIR HAIR-STYLES HAVEN'T CHANG-ED!!
THAT THREE-SISTER SKATING FAMILY FROM SOME TIME AGO IS DEBUTING TO CLASH WITH OUR SINGLE!

YOU'RE PRETTY PASSION-ATE ABOUT THIS...
AND ELIMINATE THESE IMI-TATORS!
ANYWAY, WE NEED TO SHOW OUR REAL POWER IN THIS LIVE SHOW...

ODD AMAZING HAIRSTYLE
~This is the old man's lov
THEIR HAIRSTYLES ARE TOO FAR FROM NORMAL!
THAT'S WAY TOO ORIGI-NAL!
USING A SIMILAR, ORIGINAL IDOL GROUP TO OUTDO OURS BEFORE WE GET POPULAR!
IT'S A STRATEGY TO COLLECT OUR FANS...

SAKURAKO-CHAN! OVER HERE! OVER HERE!
?
...
IT'S ALMOST OUR TIME!


HUH?
WHERE'S CHRIS?
?
GRAB
?!

LET'S GO.
AH, THERE SHE IS.

KASH-MASH'S PERFOR-MANCE!
NEXT, WE HAVE...

ガラ
FOOSHFOOSH
?

UBA AAAA AA!!
?!
KEN-CHAN!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!
SA...
SAKURAKO-CHAN IS GOING ON A RAMPAGE!!
!
THEN WHO IS THAT ...?
GRIND
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I'VE BEEN TAKEN BY THE ENEMY!
RENA-SAN!
?!

CREAK
HEH HEH HEH...
YOU ARE FINISHED NOW...
NEU-SCHWANSTEIN SAKURAKO.
?!
TAP
WHO...
WHO ARE YOU...?

!
YOU WERE ALLOWED TO APPEAR...
IN ORDER TO DRAW YOU INTO A TRAP THAT WILL END YOUR LIFE AS A PERFORMER!
I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THIS STATION!
?
DIRECTOR-SAN... I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK...
...
IN THE END, IS SAKURAKO-CHAN NO GOOD?!
SHE FINALLY HAD A CHANCE TO REVIVE HER CAREER...

RIGHT NOW, ON THE STAGE...
...THERE IS A FAKE SAKURAKO RAM-PAGING!!

!

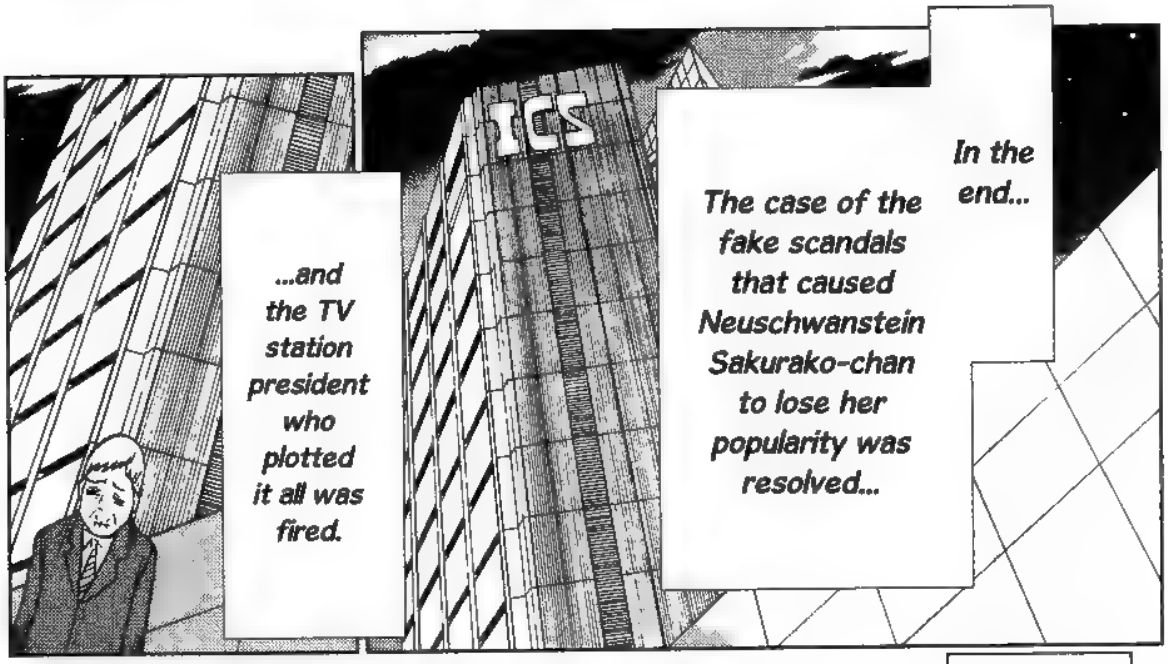
I HIRED SAKURAKO TO SMASH HER!
?!

I CAME UP WITH ALL THOSE SCANDALS. THEY WERE FAKES I SPREAD USING GOSSIP!
...
YES... I...AM A FAKE...
WHOOSH
?!
A GIRL IN WHITE CLOTHES ...
WOULD YOU HAPPEN TO BE...?

WH...
WHY ARE YOU DOING THESE THINGS ...?!
WHY YOU ASK ...?!
JUST BY WINNING THAT FIGURE-SKATING TOURNA-MENT...
...YOU RUINED THE STAND-ING OF A SPORTS FAMILY DESTINED TO RULE THAT WORLD!
MY GREAT PLANS WERE LAID TO WASTE !!
AH...
UM...

BUT NOW YOU'RE REALLY FINISHED ...
NEU-SCHWAN-STEIN SAKU-RAKO!!
YOU'LL BE BANNED FROM THE WHOLE ENTER-TAINMENT INDUS-TRY!
HA HA HA HA...
HAAAA HA HA HA HA HAAAA !!
PRESI-DENT!!
?
WHAT IS IT ?!
PRESI-DENT, YOUR VOICE...
...IS CURRENTLY BROAD-CASTING!
...EH?

...BEING BROADCAST TO TV SETS THROUGHOUT THE NATION...
THIS CONVERSATION IS...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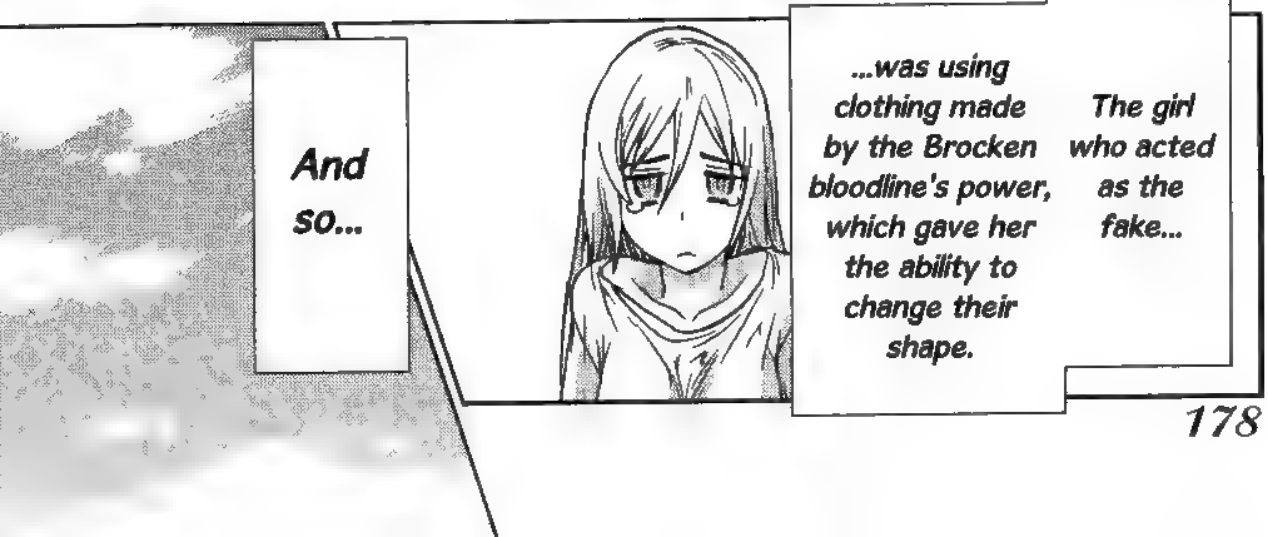
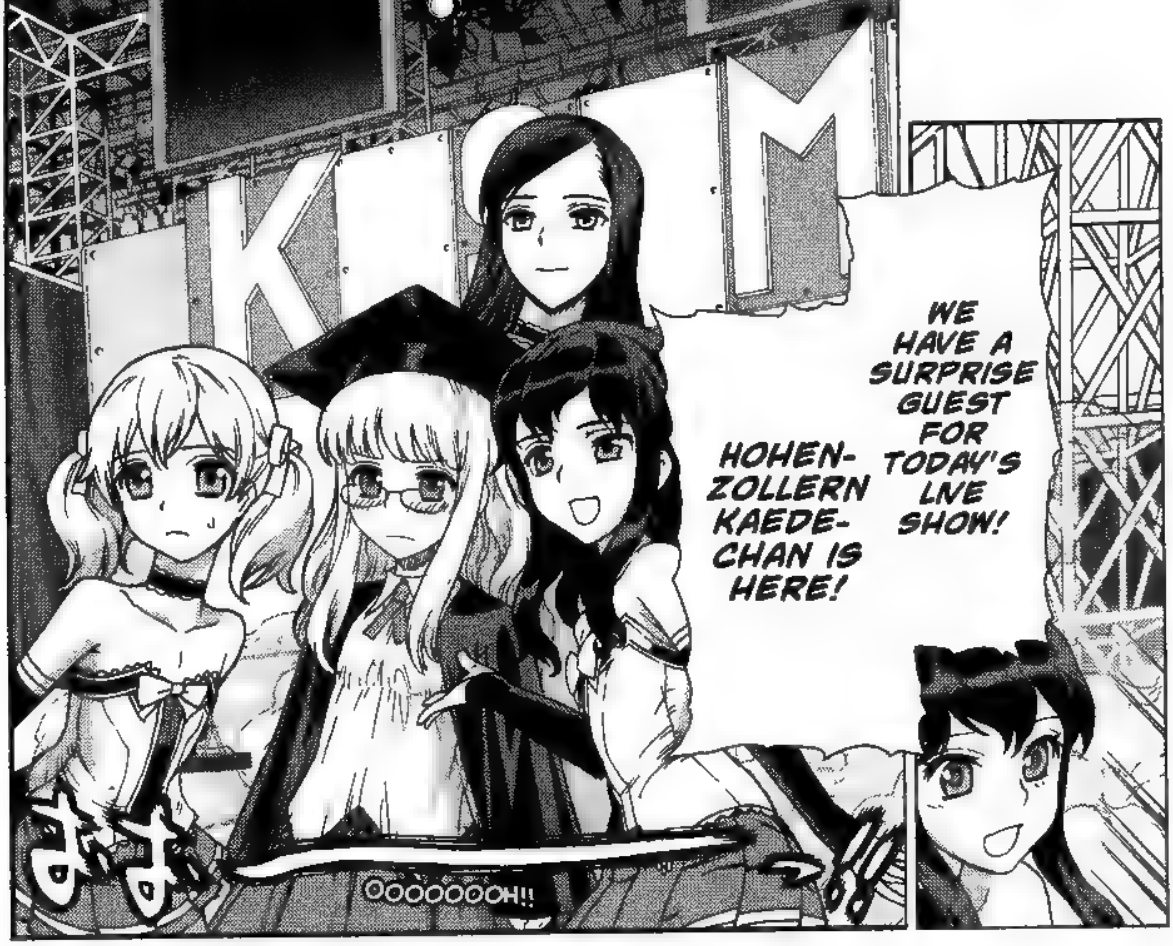
...and the TV station president who plotted it all was fired.
The case of the fake scandals that caused Neuschwanstein Sakurako-chan to lose her popularity was resolved...
In the end...


And so...
...was using clothing made by the Brocken bloodline's power, which gave her the ability to change their shape.
The girl who acted as the fake...


WE HAVE A SURPRISE GUEST FOR TODAY'S LIVE SHOW!
HOHENZOLLERN KAEDE-CHAN IS HERE!
OOOOOOOH!!

...she came to be Kenichi's body double.
AS MUCH TROUBLE AS I'VE CAUSED YOU ALL...
LET ME HELP YOU OUT SOME-HOW!
YOU HAVE GOOD INTEN-TIONS!

HEH HEH... NOW...
SAKURAKO-CHAN AND KAEDE-CHAN CAN BE DOUBLE-BOOKED AT JOBS WITH NO PROBLEM!
...

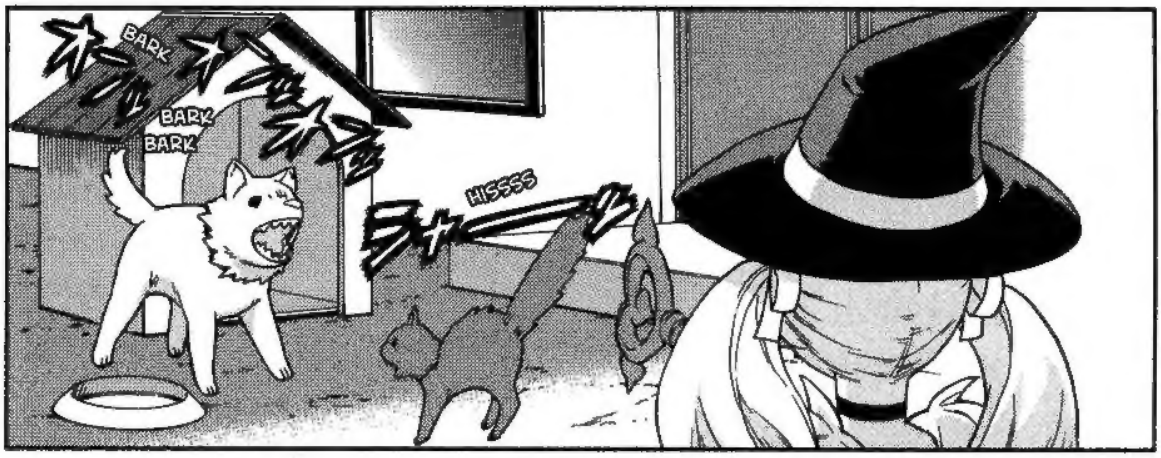
ALL RIGHT!
FOR ALL THE EARNINGS WE'VE BEEN DENIED...
WE'LL WORK TO TAKE IT ALL BACK!
SINCE THERE'S SOMEONE WHO CAN TAKE MY PLACE, CAN I STOP DOING...?
NO!

SHINE, KASH-MASH!!
DON'T LOSE OUT, CHRISTINE KOUDA!!
HANG IN THERE, SHURUTSU KENICHI!
FLY HIGH, NEU-SCHWAN-STEIN SAKU-RAKO!!
THE WORLD IS WAIT-ING FOR YOU!!

Chapter 7/Fin

BONUS

Shu-rutsu Ai...
is a normal third-generation German girl.
There's just one aspect that's different about her...
STOP FIGHT-ING!
Ai-chan is...
a trans-forming magical girl hero-ine.
Umgestaltung!!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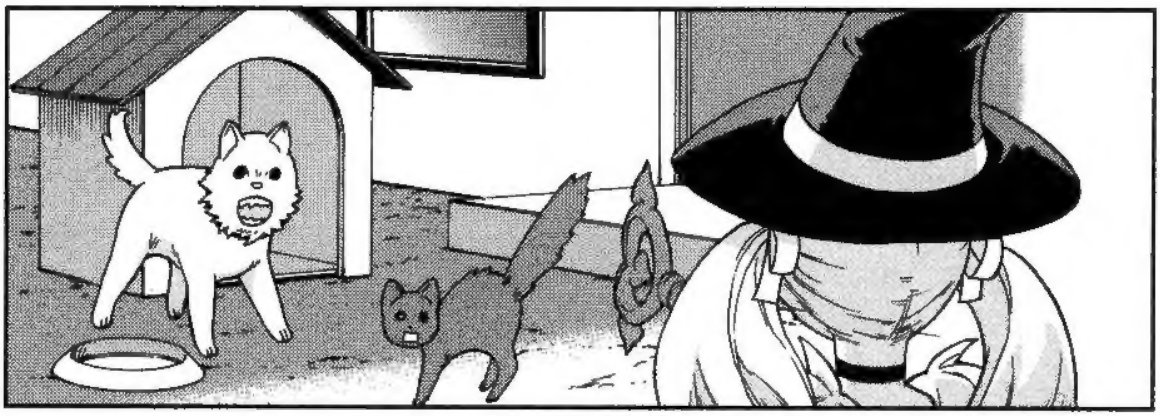

...
Ai-chan's life is pretty peaceful.

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